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# Bridge collapse toll rises to 140, clock company under scanner

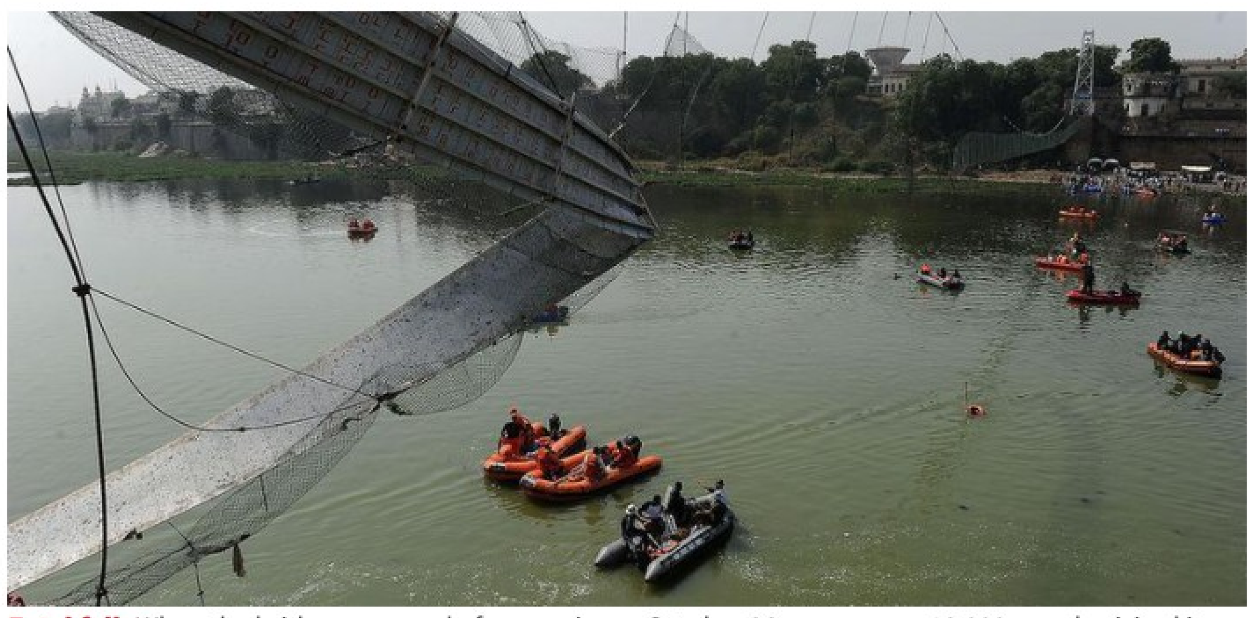
Nine arrested; Gujarat govt. blamed for awarding maintenance contract of the structure to a company known for making electronic appliances; cases filed against maintenance agencies under IPC Sections pertaining to homicide

**Mahesh Langa**
AHMEDABAD

A day after the Morbi bridge collapse in Gujarat, the police arrested nine persons, including the managers of private contractor Oreva Group, ticket clerks and security guards.

The death toll in the bridge tragedy climbed to at least 140 on Monday. As many as 177 persons were rescued during the search and rescue operation conducted by multiple agencies, including the Navy, Army, fire brigade and disaster response forces at the national and State levels.

"We have arrested nine people after filing an FIR under various Sections of the IPC. The arrested persons include the managers of the Oreva company and ticket clerks," Ashok Yadav, Inspector-General of Police, Rajkot range, told presspersons.



**Fatal fall:** When the bridge reopened after repairs on October 26, as many as 10,000 people visited it within a few days. VIJAY SONEJI

Mr. Yadav said "no one will be spared" as the investigation has just begun.

An FIR has been filed by the Morbi B Division Police against maintenance and management agencies of the bridge under Sections 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide) and 114 (abettor present when offence is committed) of the Indian Penal Code.

Among the victims were 47 children and more than 50 women, with several families losing multiple members in the tragedy.

The Gujarat government is being cornered regarding handing over the British-era suspension bridge to a local company – known for wall clock and electronic appliances manufacturing – for the repair, upkeep, maintenance and management of the bridge for 15 years.

The Morbi-based Oreva Group was awarded the contract in March this year to maintain and manage the bridge by the Morbi municipality.

After repairs, the bridge was reopened to the public on October 26 and within a few days, as many as 10,000 people visited the spot.

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# SC puts an end to 'two-finger' test on rape survivors

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday declared that any person conducting the invasive 'two-finger' or 'three-finger' vaginal test on rape or sexual assault survivors will be found guilty of misconduct.

In a judgment, a Bench led by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud said the sole reason behind using the "regressive" test on traumatised sexual assault survivors is to see whether the woman or girl was "habituated" to sexual intercourse. Such a "concern" was irrelevant to fact whether she was raped or not. "Previous sexual experience is immaterial to the question of conduct," he held.

The faulty logic behind the test was that "a woman cannot be believed when she said she was raped merely for the reason that she was sexually active", the court said.

"This so-called test has no scientific basis and neither proves nor disproves allegations of rape. It instead re-victimises and re-traumatises women who may have been sexually assaulted, and is an affront to their dignity. The 'two-finger' test or pre-vaginum test must not be conducted," the Bench, also comprising Justice Hima Kohli, directed.

The court pointed out the 2013 amendment of Section 53A in the Indian Evidence Act. "...the evidence of a victim's character or her previous sexual experience with any person shall not be relevant to the issue of consent or the quality of consent in the prosecution of sexual offences," the court held.

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The State's highest civilian award of Karnataka Ratna will be conferred posthumously on actor Puneeth Rajkumar in Bengaluru on 67th Karnataka Rajyotsava on Tuesday.

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With effect from November 1 , Karnataka Rajyostava, metro passengers will be able to travel in Namma Metro using their WhatsApp.

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**14.7** In percentage, the drop in sugar production year-on-year in India, the world's major sugar producer, to 4.05 lakh tonnes in the first month of the 2022-23 marketing season. Mills had manufactured 4.75 lakh tonnes of sugar during October in the 2021-22 marketing season. The sugar marketing season runs from October to September. PTI

### The report on the fiscal deficit for the first half of the year

**6.19** In ₹ lakh crore, the fiscal deficit — the difference between expenditure and revenue — during the first half (April- September) of the financial year. Controller General of Accounts data shows that the government's total receipts, including taxes, stood at ₹12.03 lakh crore or 52.7% of the Budget estimate for 2022-23. PTI

### Mass public trials for protesters mandated by Iranian authorities

**1,000** The number of protesters who will have public trials in Tehran, over the protests that have convulsed the country. The mass indictments marks the government's first major legal action aimed at quashing dissent since the unrest started. The protests erupted over the death of Mahsa Amini by the country's morality police. AP

### Germany finalises gas price cap at 12 euro cents per kWh

**2.5** Households in Germany are paying more than 2.5 times the average annual gas contract from their supplier than a year ago — before Russia's invasion of Ukraine disrupted gas supplies. An internal report said Berlin should cap gas prices at 12 euro cents per kilowatt hour for household consumption from the average price in October of 18.6 cents per kWh. Reuters

### As COVID cases rise in China, cities fear imminent lockdowns

**2,675** The number of new COVID cases reported in China, 802 more than the day before, marking the biggest nationwide surge in infections since August 10. In China, millions live with the fear of getting caught up in an abrupt lockdown and forced to fend for themselves — a scenario that has become more common this year. Agencies

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# The amendments to the IT Rules, 2021

Why did the Ministry of Electronics and IT invite feedback to the draft amendments of the the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021? What are the functions of the new Grievance Appellate Committees?

EXPLAINER

Trishee Goyal

**The story so far:**

The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has notified amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 (IT Rules, 2021) on October 28. In June 2022, MeitY had put out a draft of the amendments and solicited feedback from the relevant stakeholders. The draft generated considerable discussion and comment on the regulation of social media in India.

**What are the IT Rules, 2021?**

World over, governments are grappling with the issue of regulating social media intermediaries (SMIs). Given the multitudinous nature of the problem – the centrality of SMIs in shaping public discourse, the impact of their governance on the right to freedom of speech and expression, the magnitude of information they host and the constant technological innovations that impact their governance – it is important for governments to update their regulatory framework to face emergent challenges. In a bid to keep up with these issues, India in 2021, replaced its decade old regulations on SMIs with the IT Rules, 2021 that were primarily aimed at placing obligations on SMIs to ensure an open, safe and trusted internet.

**What was the need to amend the IT Rules, 2021?**

As per the press note accompanying the draft amendments in June 2022, the stated objectives of the amendments were threefold. First, there was a need to ensure that the interests and constitutional rights of netizens are not being contravened by big tech platforms, second, to strengthen the grievance redressal framework in the Rules, and third, that compliance with these should not impact early stage Indian start-ups. This translated into a set of proposed amendments that can be broadly classified into two categories. The first category involved placing additional obligations on the SMIs to ensure better protection of user interests while the second category involved the institution of an appellate mechanism for grievance redressal.

**What are the additional obligations placed on the SMIs?**

The notification of the final amendments carry forward all the amendments that it had proposed in June 2022.

First, the original IT Rules, 2021 obligated the SMIs to merely inform its users of the "rules and regulations, privacy policy and user agreement" that governed its platforms along with the categories of content that users are prohibited from hosting, displaying, sharing etc. on the platform. This obligation on the SMIs has now been extended to ensuring that its users are in compliance with the relevant rules of the platform. Further, SMIs are required to "make reasonable" efforts to prevent prohibited content being hosted on its platform by the users. To a large extent, this enhances the responsibility and concomitantly the power of SMIs to police and moderate content on their platforms. This has been met with skepticism by both the platforms and the users given the subjective nature of speech and the magnitude of the information hosted by these platforms. While the SMIs are unclear of the extent of measures they are now expected to undertake, users are apprehensive that the increased power of the SMIs would allow them to trample on freedom of speech and expression.

Second, a similar concern arises with the other newly introduced obligation on SMIs to "respect all the rights accorded to the citizens under the Constitution, including in the articles 14, 19 and 21". Given the importance of SMIs in public discourse and the implications of their actions on the fundamental rights of citizens, the horizontal application of fundamental rights is laudable. However, the wide interpretation to which this obligation is open to by different courts, could translate to disparate duties on the SMIs. Frequent alterations to design and practices of the platform, that may result from a case-to-case based application of this obligation, could result in heavy compliance costs for them.

Third, SMIs are now obligated to remove information or a communication link in relation to the six prohibited categories of content as and when a complaint arises. They have to remove such information within 72 hours of the complaint being made. Given the virality with which content spreads, this is an important step to contain the spread of the content.

Lastly, SMIs have been obligated to "take all reasonable measures to ensure accessibility of its services to users along with reasonable expectation of due diligence, privacy and transparency". While there are concerns that ensuring "accessibility" may obligate SMIs to provide services at a scale that they are not equipped to, the obligation is meant to strengthen inclusion in the SMI ecosystem such as allowing for participation by persons with disabilities and diverse linguistic backgrounds. In this context, the amendments also mandate that "rules and regulations, privacy policy and user agreement" of the platform should be made available in all languages listed in the eighth schedule of the Constitution.

**What are the newly-introduced Grievance Appellate Committees?**

The cornerstone of empowering users of social media platforms is to design a robust grievance redressal mechanism that can effectively and efficiently address their concerns. Prior to the IT Rules, 2021, platforms followed their own mechanisms and timelines for resolving user complaints. The IT Rules uniformed this by mandating that all social media platforms should have a grievance officer who would acknowledge the receipt of a complaint within 24 hours and dispose it within 15 days. However, the performance of the current grievance redressal mechanism has been sub-optimal. First, as evidenced by the transparency reports of SMIs, such as Facebook and Twitter, there is no common understanding of what is meant by resolution of the complaint. For example, Facebook records only mention the number of reports where "appropriate tools" have been provided. These "appropriate tools" could just mean the automated replies pointing out the tools available on the platform that have been sent to the complainants.

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As opposed to this format, Twitter records outline the number of URLs against which action has been taken after the receipt of a complaint.

Furthermore, transparency reports show that the number of user complaints continue to be quite low when compared to the content against which the platform acts proactively or is obligated to remove due to governmental or court orders. This may be because users are either not aware of this facility or find it futile to approach the platform for complaint resolution. It might also be because, even in cases where action has been taken on the content, there is no way to assess whether the complainant has been satisfied with the resolution of the complaint.

Moreover, the extant framework does not provide for any recourse if the complainant is dissatisfied with the grievance officer's order. Possibly, the only course available to the complainant is to challenge the order under the writ jurisdiction of the High Courts or Supreme Court. This is not efficacious given that it can be a resource and time intensive process.

To remedy this, the government has instituted Grievance Appellate Committees (GAC). The committee is styled as a three-member council out of which one member will be a government officer (holding the post ex officio) while the other two members will be independent representatives. Users can file a complaint against the order of the grievance officer within 30 days. Importantly, the GAC is required to adopt an online dispute resolution mechanism which will make it more accessible to the users.

Interestingly, it is unclear whether this is a compulsory tier of appeal or not, that is will the user have to approach the grievance appellate committee before approaching the court. The confusion arises from the fact that the press note expressly stated that the institution of the GAC would not bar the user from approaching the court directly against the order of the grievance officer. However, the final amendments provide no such indication.

While this makes the in-house grievance redressal more accountable and appellate mechanism more accessible to users, appointments being made by the central government could lead to apprehensions of bias in content moderation.

Further, the IT Rules, 2021 do not provide any explicit power to the GAC to enforce its orders.

Lastly, if users can approach both the courts and the GAC parallelly, it could lead to conflicting decisions often undermining the impartiality and merit of one institution or the other.

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## THE GIST

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# Karnataka: a 50-year-old name, centuries of legacy

Today marks the golden jubilee of renaming of Mysore State as Karnataka; though the etymology of Karnataka can be traced to multiple origins, researchers agree that each encompasses the history, the culture, the language, the people, the geography, and the way of life

KARNATAKA RAJYOTSAVA

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Propelled by the Karnataka Ekikarana movement and decades of protests, all Kannada-speaking regions outside the Mysore Princely State were unified into one State on November 1, 1956. However, the new State was named Mysore, and not Karnataka, the journey to which would take almost another decade-and-a-half.

"Even after the Karnataka Ekikarana movement, it continued to be called Mysore. Those of us in the Opposition, including leaders like A.J. Doddameti, K.H. Patil, Gopal Gowda, and myself, put up a vociferous fight for renaming the State," says former MLA and Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj, reminiscing about the day when an unanimous resolution was passed in the Legislative Assembly of Mysore on 27 July, 1972.

"Before D. Devaraj Urs became the Chief Minister, he was strongly opposed to the renaming and resisted any such proposal. But when he came to power, we tried to persuade him. We told him that he was no longer a mere politician, but the Chief Minister of a State, the elected representative of a people, who want the Mysore State to be renamed Karnataka, and he agreed," Mr. Nagaraj recalled.

During the Legislative Assembly debate between July 25 and 27, 1972, Mr. Urs put forth the proposal in the Legislature.

The resolution was enacted by Parliament a year later on 21 August, 1973, through the Mysore State (Alteration of Name) Act, 1973. Thus it was that 17 years after the unification, Mysore State became Karnataka on November 1, 1973. Today marks 50 years since that historic decision.

**Etymological origins**

Even before the Karnataka Ekikarana movement gained steam towards the end of the 19th century, the words 'Karnaata', 'Karnataka', and 'Kannada' had been used on several occasions by poets, writers, and historians to address this region.

Most definitively, the word 'Karnataka' finds a place in the second line of Kuvempu's *Jai Bharata Jananiya Tanujaate*, written in 1924 and adopted as the State anthem in 2004.

The oldest known mention, however, is found in the Sanskrit *Mahabharat*, dating back to approximately 6th century BC, says Purushottam Bilimale, pofessor of language and culture studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University.

The then Governor Mohanlal Sukhadia and Chief Minister Devaraj Urs at an event for the renaming of Mysore State as Karnataka.

"The word Karnaataah is used to refer to the place from where a battalion of soldiers had come to fight the Kurukshetra war," he explains.

There are also geographical bases to the etymology. "In Tamil, karu means mountain and naatu means a village or town. The Deccan plateau is at an elevation compared to Tamil Nadu. Thus, the word Karnaata could have meant an elevated land or higher ground," he adds.

Furthermore, in the 1930s, scholar Sham. Ba. Joshi traced Karnataka to Kannaru, a community of pastoralists that existed in this region.

S.K. Aruni, Regional Director at ICHR, also mentions Kalabara or Kalavara, the earliest pastoral people from the Bengaluru-Mysore region.

"The pastoral community was very rich and owned an abundance of cattle. Therefore, it can be argued that they also owned large tracts of land, and thus were very influential," Dr. Aruni says.

Another popular theory, espoused by German linguist Hermann Gundert, says the name comes from 'Kari (or Karu) Naadu', an allusion to the black soil found in the State, crucial for cotton cultivation.

Interestingly, 'Kari' also means elephant and could point to the fact that the region was once home to many elephants, says Dr. Aruni.

In the 15th century, poet Kumara Vyasa wrote *Karnaata Bharata Kathamanjari*, the first Kannada rendering of the Mahabharat.

"Till the colonial powers took over, the land was mostly known as Karnaata. Post the 19th century, it became Karnataka and one is not sure why," says Prof. Bilimale.

However, historians argue that the Vijayanagara Empire, founded in 1336, has been called as 'Karnataka Desha' in some inscriptions.

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**Bengaluru Today**
29ºC The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant.

**Bengaluru Tomorrow**
28ºC A pleasant and hazy morning turns comfortable day. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

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## Karnataka Ratna to be conferred on Puneeth today

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The State's highest civilian award of Karnataka Ratna will be conferred posthumously on actor Puneeth Rajkumar in Bengaluru on the occasion of 67th Karnataka Rajyotsava on Tuesday.

Cine actors Rajinikanth and Junior NTR, and Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty will be the guests at the event that begins at 4 p.m., in front of the Vidhana Soudha. Puneeth, who died a year ago, will be the 9th recipient of the Karnataka Ratna award. With a large number of people expected to come to the venue, the Ambedkar Road in front of the Vidhana Soudha is likely to be closed in the evening on Tuesday.

The government is also honouring 67 achievers from different fields with Rajyotsava awards later in the day. On the eve of the Karnataka Rajyotsava, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that it will be celebrated in a meaningful way.

# Finance Dept. nixes programme to incentivise border area students to opt for Kannada schools

**Sharat S. Srivatsa**
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This May, Marathi organisations invited students in the border taluks of Bidar, Belagavi, and Kalaburgi to join the Shivaji University in Kolhapur, Maharashtra, by offering free education.

While this did not go down well with Kannada organisations in Karnataka, it has now emerged that a programme to retain Kannada-speaking students in Kannada schools in the border areas in Maharashtra was nixed by the Finance Department earlier this year.

The Kannada Development Authority had included in its action plan for 2022-2023, Kannada Spoorthi Bhagya, a scheme in which ₹5,000 is to be deposited by the State government in the name of a student, who joins a Kannada-medium school in Class I and continues till Class X. The student will receive the proceeds once he/she attains 18 years.

At present, 172 Kannada-medium government and private schools operate in Maharashtra.

However, the Finance Department asked the authority to stick to its original mandate of promoting Kannada language and culture in the border areas and not take up activities that are being taken up by the government department. Further, it said funding for capital activities should be limited to completing the ongoing commitments. "The Finance Department did not say no to the proposal. But stalled it. This was done despite the Karnataka Border Area Development Authority Act, 2010, specifying over a dozen functions to the authority under which the Kannada Spoorthi Bhagya could be taken up," a top government source said.

The programme was envisaged to be launched in Jatti taluk in Sangli district and Akkalkot taluk in Solapur district in Maharashtra, where more than 90% of the population speaks Kannada. It was estimated to cost about ₹2 crore initially in these two taluks and if the programme had to be expanded to other States, an initial amount of ₹5 crore was estimated.

"This would have been a recurring expenditure. However, this would have helped retain Kannada-speaking children in Kannada-medium schools in Maharashtra."

At present, 172 Kannada-medium government and private schools operate in Maharashtra. There are about 152 Kannada-medium schools in Kasaragod district of Kerala.

"The Maharashtra government is providing a lot of impetus to start Marathi-medium schools in Jatti and Akkalkot, offering sops. The number of Kannada-medium schools will gradually come down if we do not retain students and the proposed scheme could have held back students," said the source.

# Activities to promote Kannada in Kalyana Karnataka affected

**Sharath S. Srivatsa**
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Over the last six months, Kannada promotion and development activities in 21 border taluks in five districts of Kalyana Karnataka (KK) region have been affected, as funds have not been released by the agency tasked to fund them.

As much as ₹1 crore for each taluk - to be fixed by the Kalyana Karnataka Development Board - has been sought by the Karnataka Border Area Development Authority early this year, from the Kalaburagi-based Kalyana Karnataka Manava Sampanmoola, Krishi Matthu Samskrithika Sangha, which is under the Planning Department.

This was after the budgetary allocation to the authority was found to be meagre and the Finance Department (FD) asked the authority to seek funds from the sangha to take up activities in KK region. The money is to be spent in 21 taluks in Bidar, Kalaburagi, Raichur, Yadgir, and Ballari districts.

Kannada programmes conducted by registered organisations, building classrooms, and infrastructure would receive funds.

In fact, the budgetary allocation to the authority has declined since 2019-2020, when it received the highest ever allocation of ₹79 crore. Since then it has received ₹25 crore in 2020-2021, ₹15.14 crore in 2021-2022, and ₹15.14 crore in 2022-2023.

"Despite multiple reminders, the money has not been received. The request should have been included as part of the action plan of the sangha and the money had to be released by now. Nothing so far has been heard," a government source said.

A reminder letter to the sangha by the authority in the last week of September pointed out that information about neither the release of money nor the action plan had been shared, and that several complaints had been received from people and leaders from the KK region.

Meanwhile, this year, due to lack of funds, the authority has stopped receiving applications for financial assistance to build schoolrooms, libraries, bhavans, and other infrastructure. It also excluded Bidar and Kalaburgi districts for benefits since large grants were made in 2021-2022 and many organisations have not spent the money yet.

# Kannada signage implementation not up to the mark, say activists

**Darshan Devaiah B.P.**
BENGALURU

Over three years after it was made mandatory for commercial establishments to have name boards, with Kannada covering 60% of the nameplate and the rest 40% in English, activists allege that the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has not effectively implemented it so far.

In 2019, the Kannada Development Authority (KDA) instructed the BBMP officials and the then Mayor to cancel the trade licences of establishments that have not given prominence to Kannada in their name boards. Following this, an order was issued by the then BBMP Commissioner stating that 60% of the signage should be in Kannada. The order further said that the rule will apply to even those applying for new licences or renewals.

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However, the BBMP has not effectively implemented the Kannada signage rules. Speaking to *The Hindu*, a senior BBMP official said: "The order was given on November 1, 2019, but it was not strictly implemented in the city. One of the reasons is that in the following months, the BBMP council was also dissolved, which led to there being no Mayor or council. No one was bothered about implementing the signage rule, and the order was sidelined".

Several attempts to ensure that shops and other commercial establishments use Kannada in their signage have repeatedly suffered a setback in Bengaluru.

Before the 2019 order, the BBMP in 2017 too issued an order on the topic of Kannada on name boards. The State government and the BBMP have often issued directives under Section 24A of the Karnataka Shops and Establishments Act, 1961, asking commercial establishments to ensure signboards in Kannada.

However, in 2018, a directive by the BBMP on Kannada boards in Bengaluru was challenged in the High Court. The reason was the legal grounds for such directives were weak and a 2014 directive was struck down by the Karnataka High Court in the same year.

Arun Javgal, organising secretary, Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, said: "This can be settled only by coming up with a law and it should be brought under the consumer affairs so that the law will be powerful".

"More than half the people in Karnataka know to read only Kannada. Name boards must be in Kannada to serve them. Moreover, the rest who can read English also have a right to service in Kannada. It is a consumer right," he argued.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

**Matter of law:** The 103rd Constitution Amendment Act introduces reservations for 'economically weaker sections' in education and employment. R. V. MOORTHY

# The ambiguity of reservations for the poor: unconstitutional or not?

While the constitutional amendment by itself might survive the 'basic structure' test, the hardest test for governments will be the manner in which they give effect to the amendment. The definition of 'economically weaker sections' will be a major hurdle

**Anup Surendranath**

*On September 27, a Constitution Bench led by CJI U. U. Lalit heard multiple petitions against reservations based solely on economic criteria introduced by the Constitution (103rd) Amendment Act, 2019. After extensive hearings, the Bench reserved its judgment in the case. In this article dated January 22, 2019, Anup Surendranath tackles the idea that EWS reservations are unconstitutional.*

The 103rd Constitution Amendment Act introducing special measures and reservations for 'economically weaker sections' (EWS) has been perceived as being obviously unconstitutional. This article is sceptical of such a reading and takes the view that a constitutional challenge to the amendment will take us into unclear constitutional territories. The strongest constitutional challenge might not be to the amendment itself but to the manner in which governments implement it. There is no foregone conclusion to a potential challenge and we would do well to start identifying the core constitutional questions that arise. To be clear, I am here concerned only with questions that arise within constitutional law.

### Special measures

Article 15 stands amended enabling the state to take special measures (not limited to reservations) in favour of EWS generally with an explicit sub-article on admissions to educational institutions with maximum 10% reservations. The amendment to Article 16 allows 10% reservations (and not special measures) for EWS in public employment and does so in a manner that is different from reservations for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. The amendment leaves the definition of 'economically weaker sections' to be determined by the state on the basis of 'family income' and other economic indicators. Also critical to this amendment is the exclusion of SC/STs, OBCs and other beneficiary groups under Articles 15(4), 15(5) and 16(4) as beneficiaries of the 10% EWS reservation.

A good point to start the constitutional examination is the Supreme Court's view on reservations based purely on economic criteria. Eight of the nine judges in *Indra Sawhney* (November 1992) held that the Narasimha Rao government's executive order (and not a constitutional amendment) providing for 10% reservations based purely on economic criteria was unconstitutional. Their reasons included the position that income/property holdings cannot be the basis for exclusion from government jobs, and that the Constitution was primarily concerned with addressing social backwardness.

### Basic structure doctrine

However, the decision in *Indra Sawhney* involved testing an executive order against existing constitutional provisions. In the current situation, we are concerned with a constitutional amendment brought into force using the constituent power of Parliament. The fact that we are not concerned with legislative or executive power means that the amendment will be tested against the 'basic structure' and not the constitutional provisions existing before the amendment. The pointed question is whether measures based purely on economic criteria violate the 'basic structure' of the Constitution? I do not think it is a sufficient answer to say that 'backwardness' in the Constitution can only mean 'social and educational backwardness'. Citing the Constituent Assembly debates is not going to take the discussion much further either. It is difficult to see an argument that measures purely on economic criteria are per se violative of the 'basic structure'. We can have our views on whether such EWS reservations will alleviate poverty (and they most certainly will not), but that is not really the nature of 'basic structure' enquiry. Providing a justification for these measures as furthering the spirit of substantive equality within the Indian Constitution is not very difficult.

Economic criteria (if seen as poverty) forms the basis for differential treatment by the state in many ways and it would be a stretch to suddenly see it as constitutionally suspect when it comes to 'special measures' and reservations in education and public employment. Poverty inflicts serious disadvantages and the prerogative of the state to use special measures/ reservations as one of the means to address it (however misplaced it might be as a policy) is unlikely to fall foul of the 'basic structure' doctrine.

A challenge to the amendment may lie in the context of Article 16 by virtue of shifting the manner in which reservations can be provided in public employment. Under Article 16(4), reservations for backward classes (SC/STs, OBCs) are dependent on beneficiary groups not being 'adequately represented' but that has been omitted in the newly inserted Article 16(6) for EWS. The amendment through Article 16(6) ends up making it easier for the state to provide reservations in public employment for EWS than the requirements to provide reservations for 'backward classes' under Article 16(4). In a sense that is potentially a normative minefield for the Supreme Court. On the one hand, it is confronted with the reality that 'backward classes' like SC/STs and OBCs are disadvantaged along multiple axes and on the other, it is now far more difficult for the state to provide reservations to these groups compared to the EWS. The response might well be that 'representation' is not the aim of EWS reservation and questions of 'adequacy' are relevant only in the context of representation claims like those of the backward classes under Article 16(4).

### Questions and challenges

In many of the responses to the amendment, breaching the 50% ceiling on reservations has been cited as its greatest weakness. It is hard to see the merit of that argument because the amendment by itself does not push the reservations beyond 50%. While it might be a ground to challenge the subsequent legislative/executive actions, the amendment itself is secure from this challenge. But even beyond this narrow technical response, the 50% ceiling argument is far from clear. In *Indra Sawhney* , the majority of judges held that the 50% ceiling must be the general rule and a higher proportion may be possible in 'extraordinary situations'. Fundamentally this argument stems from an unresolved normative tension in *Indra Sawhney*. While committing to the constitutional position that reservations are not an 'exception' but a 'facet' of equality, the majority in *Indra Sawhney* also invokes the idea of balancing the equality of opportunity of backward classes 'against' the right to equality of everyone else. When governments implement the EWS reservations and push quotas beyond 50%, the Supreme Court will be forced to confront this normative tension. If reservations further equality, what then are the justifications to limit it to 50% when the identified beneficiaries constitute significantly more than 50%? The answer to that question might lie in *Indra Sawhney*'s position that the constitutional imagination is not one of 'proportional representation' but one of 'adequate representation'. However, as discussed above, if abandoning the 'adequacy' requirement per se is upheld for EWS reservations, the basis for a 50% ceiling becomes unclear.

While the constitutional amendment by itself might survive the 'basic structure' test, the hardest test for governments will be the manner in which they give effect to the amendment. The definition of 'economically weaker sections' will be a major hurdle because the political temptation will be to go as broad as possible and include large sections of citizens. But broader the definition, greater will be the constitutional risk. For example, if beneficiaries are defined as all those with family income of less than ₹8 lakh per annum, it must necessarily fail constitutional scrutiny. To justify that an individual 'below poverty line' and another with a family income of ₹8 lakh per annum belong to the same group for purposes of affirmative action will involve constitutional jugglery at an unprecedented level. But then, the history of our constitutional jurisprudence has prepared us well for such surprises.

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## THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

India has had a long tradition of arts and craft which is constantly being reimagined. A quiz on some famous painters of modern art in India

**QUESTION 1**

A famous painting depicting a saffron-clad woman holding a book in one hand, sheaves of paddy in the second, a rudraksh in the third and a white cloth in the fourth was made during the Swadeshi movement. It is iconic for it conceptualised an idea that we are all familiar with. This idea is also part of a famous slogan. What is the name of this painting and who is the painter?

**QUESTION 2**

This Indian painter, who was born in Hungary, died young. Despite being a friend of Jawaharlal Nehru, this painter never drew him saying he was "too good looking". Who was this avante-garde artist?

**QUESTION 3**

This painter said he feared, and was fascinated by Indian forests. He was one of the founders of India's most radical art movement. His trademark is the bindu. Who are we talking about?

**QUESTION 4**

This painter wrote under the pen name Sunanda. He was the founder of Chennai's famous Cholamandal Artists Village. Who was he?

**QUESTION 5**

The Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Mumbai owns around 250 artworks, many by some of the greatest contemporary Indian artists. A famous story goes that a competition was held in 1963 by Homi Bhabha to select an artist to paint a mural. All the then upcoming artists, including Satish Gujral, V. S. Gaitonde, N. S. Bendre, M. F. Husain, B. Prabha, K. K. Hebbar, K. H. Ara, and Rasik Raval, were contacted. One of them was finally chosen as his/her painting was said to be "more substantial and enduring". Who was this artist?

Who is the famous painter who made this portrait of Amartya Sen?

**Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:** 1. The place where the maesters are headquartered and the feudal house which rules over it. **Ans: Citadel, Oldtown; House Hightower**

2. For Queen Alicent's original house, the colour green symbolises this. **Ans: Green flames signal a call for war**

3. The name of the largest living dragon and the Targaryen it bonded to. **Ans: Vhagar, Prince Aemond Targaryen**

4. The largest living dragon was ridden by this Targaryen queen during King Aegon's conquest of Westeros. **Ans: Queen Visenya Targaryen**

5. The person who wielded the "Dark Sister" in the House of the Dragon. **Ans: Daemon Targaryen who was bestowed it by King Jaeherys**

Visual: The location for HoTD's Kings' Landing was filmed here. **Ans: Caceres, Spain**

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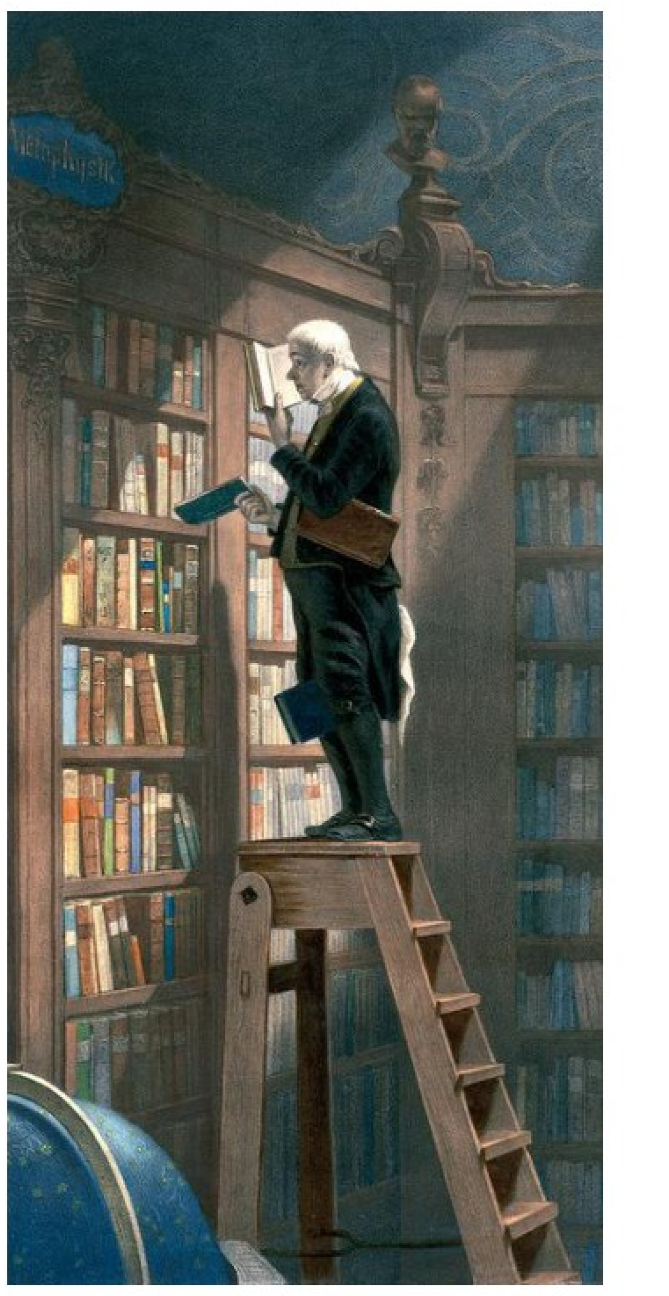

FROM THE ARCHIVES

# *Know your English*

"What is the difference between 'He is polite' and 'He is being polite', sir?"

" 'He is polite' means that he is generally polite, it refers to his general character. 'He is polite' means that he is a polite man. 'He is being polite' means that he is behaving with politeness. It refers to a particular act of politeness at a particular moment. It doesn't say that he is innately polite. When we say that a man is polite, we know that he is and has been polite. It is not a temporary state. What we mean is that he is polite by nature. When we say that a man is being polite, we notice that he is polite at a particular moment. This refers to a temporary state, a condition at a special moment. Other examples:

*He is being kind.*
*He is being clever.*
*He is being friendly.*
*He is being rude.*
*You are being ridiculous.*
*She is being unreasonable.*
*She is being frivolous.*
*He is being naughty*".

"What is the difference between 'envy' and 'jealousy', sir?"

"When you are envious, you resent the good fortune of another. You are envious when you feel that you should have what others have. People are envious of others' possessions, success, position and so on.

*I envy his position.*
*I am envious of his calm attitude to life.*
*I envy her beauty.*

Jealousy is the feeling that you have when you think that someone is likely to take away what belongs to you. Jealousy is the result of fear and envy is the result of greed. A jealous person is scared of rivalry. A jealous person is very possessive. A jealous husband would not like his wife to pay any attention to others. Some are jealous of their power. They would not like to share their power with others.

*Law is a jealous mistress. If you choose law as your profession, you will have to pay your entire attention to it.*

"Mr. N. V. Krishna Menon of Kodunganallur wants to know whether the person who convenes a meeting is a convener or a convenor".

"Both spellings are correct. You choose what you like. There is no difference in pronunciation. The 'o' and the 'e' before 'r' are pronounced like the 'a' in 'China'. The first 'e' is pronounced like "ee" in 'feel'. The stress is on the second syllable. The final 'r' is silent. Let me stop on the silent note. Goodbye".

"Thank you, Sir. Goodbye"

## Word of the day

**Aplomb:**

great coolness and composure under strain

**Synonyms:** poise, assuredness, sang-froid, cool

**Usage:**

*She handled the situation with remarkable aplomb.*

**Pronunciation:** bit.ly/aplombpro

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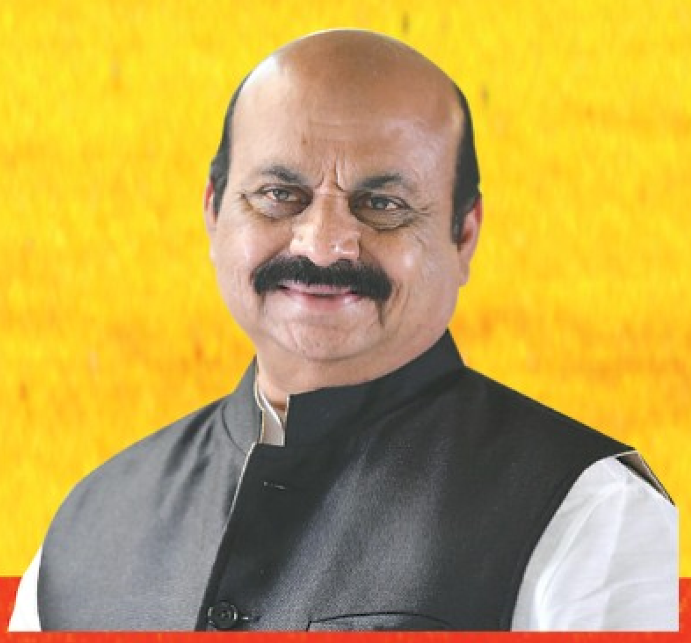

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## ನಾಡಿನ ಸಮಸ್ತ ಜನತೆಗೆ
## 67ನೇ ಕನ್ನಡ ರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವದ ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳು

ನವೆಂಬರ್ 1, 2022

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# KSRTC slashes fares for travelling with dogs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Based on the demand by passengers, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has slashed fares for travelling with dogs.

Earlier, a fare applicable for an adult passenger was charged for taking a dog, whether it was a pup or an adult dog.

As per the revised circular, it has been slashed to half fare (the ticket fare that is applicable for children).

The circular states that passengers are allowed to travel with dogs in non-AC buses that are operated by the corporation in city limits, suburban, and rural routes. Pets are not allowed in services such as Karnataka Vaibhava, Rajahamsa, non-AC sleeper, and AC services.

The circular issued on October 28 states that people who are carrying vegetables, coconut, grocery items, flowers, and other items which weigh up to 30 kg need not pay luggage fare.

An official of the KSRTC said that as per the rules, passengers are allowed to travel with dogs, puppies, rabbits, cats, birds while travelling in buses that do not come under the premium category of services. "Earlier, for dogs, including pups, the adult fare was charged and some passengers objected to the fare slabs. Considering the requests by the passengers, now the management has decided to slash the fare for dogs," said the official.

# From today, metro passengers can buy QR tickets on WhatsApp

Namma Metro is also launching the Namma Metro mobile app-based QR ticketing system

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With effect from November 1, Karnataka Rajyostava, metro passengers will be able to travel in Namma Metro using WhatsApp.

In addition to this, Namma Metro is also launching the Namma Metro mobile app-based QR ticketing system.

The features of the WhatsApp chatbot include option of conversing in Kannada and English, purchasing QR tickets, recharging metro cards, journey planners that include locating the nearest metro station, train departure timings at different stations, fare information, and others. Passengers will also be able to give their feedback.

To use the Namma Metro app, people can download the same from Google Playstore and have to register to purchase the QR tickets.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited Managing Director Anjum Parwez said: "The app is already being used by passengers to plan their trips and QR ticket option will be made available from November 1. We have tied up with WhatsApp to provide QR ticket purchase option. There is no additional charge applicable for purchase of tickets on these two platforms".

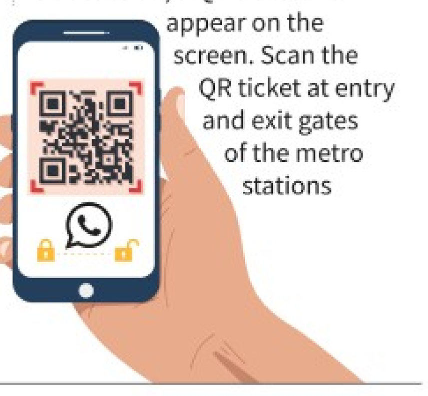
A BMRCL release said commuters can purchase the QR ticket on the app or WhatsApp by specifying the station of entry and destination station on the day of the journey.

The single-journey QR ticket must be flashed at the QR readers of the automatic fare gates at both entry and exit stations. The validity of the ticket is till the end of the revenue service of the day.

If the passenger is not undertaking the journey, he or she may cancel the ticket on the same day upon which the amount will be refunded.

## Purchasing QR ticket on WhatsApp

- A passenger can purchase a ticket after saving the BMRCL WhatsApp chatbot number: 8105556677
- After starting the interaction with the bot by sending a 'Hi' message, the passenger will get an option for QR tickets
- After tapping on the 'Buy ticket', one has to enter the boarding station by typing the name or via the search
- After selecting the 'Search from the list', one must select the preferred route, choose the boarding station, and the destination
- Tap on 'Proceed' to confirm ticket details, and then use WhatsApp pay. Click on review, and pay to proceed with UPI on WhatsApp
- After completing the transaction, a QR ticket will appear on the screen. Scan the QR ticket at entry and exit gates of the metro stations



**Text & Context**
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (November 1, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- The amendments to the IT Rules, 2021
**bit.ly/itrulesamendments**

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# Directorate of Medical Education increases in-service quota seats from 15% to 20%

The Hindu Bureau
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As per an order of the Karnataka High Court, the Directorate of Medical Education has increased postgraduate (PG) medical courses government quota seats for in-service candidates from 15% to 20% for the academic year of 2022-23. Earlier, the Directorate had reserved 206 PG medical seats for the in-service candidates, which has now increased to 279.

Meanwhile, the KEA has announced a list of 1,793 candidates with insufficient documents to support their reservation for UGCET-2022. Most of the candidates' caste, income and Revenue Document (RD) numbers were mismatched.

The KEA has called the candidates on November 2, along with the required documents in support of their claim/reservation in UGCET application. In case of enquiry, contact mail ID: ugcet2022documents@gmail.com.

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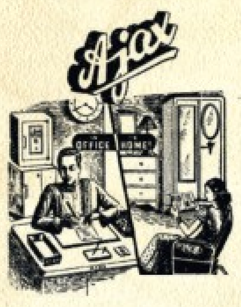

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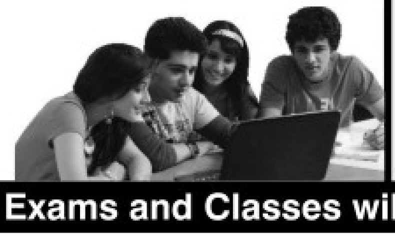

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- Admission fee to be paid through online mode only.
- Identity Cards and available Self-Learning Materials can be collected by the candidates from the Administrative Office of KSOU at Mysuru or from any of the Regional Centres of their choice.

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3. The details of the Learner Support Centres are available in the KSOU website.
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1. **Mysuru (Head Quarters):** Admission Section, KSOU, Mukthagangotri, Mysuru-570 006, Ph: (0) 0821-2500981, Mob: 83107 15545 / 97313 92627 / 98440 10407
2. **Bengaluru-1 Regional Centre:** Satellite Bus Stand Building, 1st Floor, Mysore Road, Bapujinagar, Bengaluru-560 026. Ph: 080-26603664, Mob: 98449 65515.
3. **Bengaluru-2 Regional Centre:** KSOU Women RC, Govt. PU College for Girls, 4th Main, 13th Cross, Near BESCOM Office, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003, Ph: 080-23448811, Mob: 97411 97921.
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11. **Dharwad Regional Centre:** Karnatak University Public School Campus, KCD Road, Opp. LIC Office, Dharwad-580 008, Phone: 0836-2441199, Mob: 90351 43912/78925 97159.
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14. **Karwar Regional Centre:** Old U.S.K.V. Building, 1st Floor, Savitha Circle Main Road, Karwar-581 301, Mob : 90085 40090 / 90353 95137.
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24. **Madikeri Regional Centre:** Govt. Primary School Building, D. D. P. I. Office Campus, Madikeri - 571 201, Kodagu Dist., Mobile: 80733 42310 / 76187 63654 / 87625 51115

**Last Date of Admissions :- 15-11-2022**

**Exams and Classes will be conducted at different centres**

**Sd/-, Registrar**

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## KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:SEE/Tr(W&M)/SMG/EE(O)/AEE-2/2022-23/5272-276 Date: 29.10.2022

**TENDER NOTIFICATION** (Through e-Procurement mode only)

K.P.T.C.L invites tenders through e-Procurement mode from the reputed Electrical Contractors possessing Super Grade Electrical contractor License having PF registration for the work **Replacement of 1x10MVA, 110/11KV Power Transformer by 1x20MVA, 110/11KV Power Transformer at 110/11KV sub-station Kittadahalli in Shikaripura Taluk, Shivamogga District. Call-2.**

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the e-procurement mode can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **11:00pm** on **02.11.2022.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

**Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana, MRS Colony, Shivamogga.**

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## ZILLA PANCHAYATH BENGALURU URBAN

**S.Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru.**

**Tender No: ಅಭಿ(5)ಆರೋಗ್ಯ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್-08/2022-23 Date: 31-10-2022**

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| Name of Tender | : | SUPPLY OF HEALTH KIT AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO EACH 86 GRAM PANCI1AYATS IN BENGALORE UNBAN DISTRICT |
| Date of Time For Commencement of Dowloading of Bidding Document | : | Date: 31.10.2022 Time 4.00PM |
| Last date and time for bid submission/ uploading of bid in E-Procurenlent platform | : | Date:30.11.2022 Time 4.00PM |
| Sample Submission | : | Bidders who are willing to participate in this tender should submit. sample equipment's within thetime tender period] between 31.10.2022 and 15.11.2022) and should getauthorization letter from CEO-CAO- DHO zilla panchayath Bengalure Urban, Otherwise bidders technical bid will be rejected. |
| EMD Amount | : | 51600.00/- |
| Date and Time for Opening of Tenchnical Bids | : | Date: 2.12.2022 Time: 11.00AM The bids will be opened online by the Authorized Officers at the appointed time |
| Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bids | : | Date: 12.12.2022 Time: 11.00AM The bids will be opened online by the Authorized Officers at the Scheduled time |
| Place of opening of Bids and Address for Communication | : | Deputy Secretary Bengalure Urban Zilla Panchayat |

**Sd/-**
**Deputy Secretary**
DIPR/CP/2855/ALAKNANDA/2022-23 Bengaluru Urban Zilla Panchayath, Bengaluru

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## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PWD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/2022-23/5405 Date:29.10.2022

### CORRIZENDUM

Ref: This Office tender Notification No 5317 Dt: 28.10.2022

The calender of events of the tender notification invited vide ref above, for the work indent no 159287 are extended as follows

1) Pre-Bid Meeting : **08.11.2022 (11.00 Hrs)**, 2) Date of Demo: 09.11.2022 At Chief Engineer C & B(NE) Office PWD Bhavan kalaburagi, 3) Last date for queries : **14.11.2022 (17.30 Hrs),** 4) Last date for Submission of bid : **15.11.2022 (16.00 Hrs),** 5) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : **16.11.2022 (16.30 Hrs),** 6) Date of opening of Financial Bid : **18.11.2022 (11.30 Hrs)**

Other conditions remain unchanged

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Kalaburagi**

DIP/Kalaburagi/781/MC&A/2022-23

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## Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency

**Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division (PMGSY), Chikkaballapur, #441, 3rd Floor, IDSMT Layout, APMC Back Door, Chikkaballapur, Ph: 08156-274638**
**e-Mail: pmgsycbp@gmail.com**

No: EE/PD/CBP/TENDER/Not-03/2022-23/408 Dt: 20.10.2022

### Tender Notification-03

Due to technical issues reference to this office tender notification no: 307-312/2022-23 Dated: 06.09.2022 tender is Recalled and calendar of events are as follows. **(1)** Last date for receipt of tender: **07.11.2022 up to 16.30 Hrs. (2)** Last date & time for tender queries: **27.10.2022 upto 11.00. (3)** Dat & time for opening of technical bid: **08.11.2022, 16.35 hrs. (4)** Date & time for opening of financial bid: **09.11.2022, 16.40 hrs onwards,** or soon after completing the technical bid evaluation of tender. Further details can be obtained from **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- Tendering officer, Executive Engineer, Project Division (PMGSY) Chickballapur.**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the respective owners of the Survey Numbers, as mentioned herein below, all are situated at, Solur Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, which is more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter called **"Schedule Property".**

ALL persons including an individual anybody under law, having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of said Property or any part or portion thereof are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office at No.115/58, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, 6th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018 within a period of ***07 (Seven) days*** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the land parcels detailed below situated at Solur Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and bounded on;

**Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No. 195/2, measuring 01 Acre 02.08 Guntas, situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk**, and bounded as follows:
**East by** : Survey No. 210 **West by** : Survey No. 195/1A
**North by** : Survey No. 202 **South by** : Survey No. 195/4

**Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No. 195/4, measuring 22.08 Guntas, situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk,** and bounded as follows:
**East by** : Survey No. 194/1B **West by** : Survey No. 195/1A
**North by** : Survey No. 195/2 **South by** : Survey No. 195/5

**Item No.3:** All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No. 194/1, measuring 01 Acre 35 Guntas, situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk,** and bounded as follows:
**East by** : Survey No. 193 and 192 **West by** : Survey No. 195/2,4,5
**North by** : Survey No. 210 **South by**: Survey No. 181 and 194/2

**Item No.4:** All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No. 194/2, measuring 37 Guntas, situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk,** and bounded as follows:
**East by** : Land belonged to Krishnamurthy **West by** : Land belonged to Sriramaiah
**North by** : Land belonged to Balaraj **South by**: Lake

**Item No.5:** All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No. 195/1A, measuring 01 Acre 37 Guntas, situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk,** and bounded as follows:
**East by** : Survey No. 195/2 **West by** : Survey No. 179
**North by** : Remaining portion of Survey No.195/1A **South by** : Survey No. 180

**Item No.6:** All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Survey No. 195/5, measuring 20 Guntas, situated at Soluru Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk,** and bounded as follows:
**East by** : Survey No. 194/1 **West by** : Survey No. 195/1A
**North by**: Survey No. 195/4 **South by**: Survey No. 181

**Sd/-**

**Mr. Madhusudhana H.R, Advocate,**
No.115/58, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, 6th Cross,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018. Phone: +91 98451 92477,
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I, **KATUKURI** Bhagyalaxmi, w/o. Tirupathi reddy madugula, r/o. 796, Sri Sairam Nivas, 3rd Flr, Chowdeshwari Lyt, Tulasi Theater Rd, Marathahalli, Blr-37, Have Changed Name To Bhagyalaxmi Madugula Lekha Vide Afdvt Dtd 21th October 2022.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **SAHIL** V Rajpal, S/o Mr Vijay B Rajpal, r/at Flat No.#9, Shanthi Apt, Shanthi Road, Shanthinagar, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560027, hereby state that my father's and mother's correct name is Vijay B Rajpal and Mehak V Rajpal respectively, vide affidavit dtd 28.10.22 sworn before Notary M S Satish.

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**No. C-apt/1584/2022-M1(MTL)**

Kerala State Centre for Advanced Printing & Training, an autonomous organization under the Govt. of Kerala, invites e-Tenders **(2 cover bid system) Tender No: 165/22-23/MTL** for Hiring of a Five Colour Web Offset Printing Machine as detailed in NIT through online, vide **e-tender ID 2022_CAPT_509462_2.**

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## INBRIEF

### Minister makes U-turn on his 'cash for post' remarks

Municipal Administration Minister N. Nagaraju (MTB) on Monday made a U-turn on his "cash for post" remarks and said the media had twisted his remarks. Speaking to reporters here, the Minister said that some party workers had told him that the late inspector K.H. Nandish had spent ₹70-80 lakh. "I only asked them what he aimed to achieve by spending ₹70-80 lakh." The Minister accused the media of twisting his remarks.

### JD(S) to launch Pancharatna Yatra in Kolar district today

The ambitious Pancharatna Ratha Yatra of Janata Dal (Secular), highlighting the five major poll promises, will be launched in the presence of party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda on Tuesday at Kurudumalai in Mulbagil, Kolar district. The first phase of yatra will cover Assembly constituencies in Kolar, Chickballapur, Tumakuru, Hassan, and Ramanagaram district. The party will hold a rally of workers and leaders at Mulbagil in which party State president C.M. Ibrahim and youth wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy will participate.

# UAS-B Krishi Mela to turn focus on agri startups this time

Nine new crop varieties will be released during the mela to be held from November 3 to 6; it will also introduce 38 new agricultural technologies, including use of drones in agriculture and soil-less agriculture, more suited for urban farming

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Krishi Mela, part of the annual calendar of the city and farmers of the region, will be held at Gandhi Krishi Vignan Kendra (GKVK) from November 3 to 6.

This year's Krishi Mela will focus on agri startups and has "Krishiyalli Navodyamagalu", as its tagline. "Agri startups will encourage farmer-centric research and its delivery to the farms. Not only have Union and State governments decided to focus on agri startups, but we at the university have also realised that is the way ahead," said S.V. Suresh, Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru.

UAS-B has till date incubated 24 agri startups. Krishi Mela will have a dedicated pavilion for agri startups with 25 stalls. UAS will unveil nine new varieties of crop varieties, including two varieties of paddy, maize, jowar, avarekai, sesame seeds, niger seeds, and castor. The mela will also introduce 38 new agricultural technologies, including use of drones in agriculture and soil-less agriculture, more suited for urban farming especially growing vegetables, Dr. Suresh said. The mela will also have three group discussions on food processing, agri startups, and organic farming.

The mela will have 697 stalls, including 178 stalls on agricultural engineering, 80 on agricultural equipment and 53 stalls on organic farming. "We expect footfall in the range of 15-20 lakh. While the stress will be for offline mela, it will also be held online as the response for the online mela had been good over the last two years," Dr. Suresh said.

"Weather forecast has been in our favour. There is a forecast of only a light drizzle which will actually help us fight the dust menace," Dr. Suresh said.

Preparations being made for this year's Krishi Mela that has 'Krishiyalli Navodyamagalu' as its tagline.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

### No big cattle this year

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

There will be no big cattle - cows, oxen and buffaloes - at the Krishi Mela this year, due to lumpy skin disease.

"It is sad that we are not able to get the big cattle to the mela as the government has issued guidelines against transportation of cattle due to lumpy skin disease," S.V. Suresh, Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru, said.

However, the mela will have 10 native varieties of chicken, sheep, goats, rabbits and other cattle.

### Electrocution of wild elephants: HC notice to govt.

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday ordered issue of notice to the State government on a PIL petition seeking formulation of guidelines to prevent electrocution of wild elephants from the electrical fences put up to protect crops from wild animals.

A Division Bench passed the order on the petition filed by Ankush Yennemajal, a city-based advocate.

Relying on newspaper reports that at least 10 wild elephants died of electrocution in 2021 in the State, the petitioner has pointed out that electrocution occurs due to illegal electric fencing put up by farmers.

The counsel for the petitioner told the court that the attempt has to be made by all the stakeholders to maintain balance, protecting wildlife and agriculture. The petitioner has sought a direction to the government to set up a high-level committee to frame guidelines.

# Actual readiness to put in money is high this time: Nirani

GIM 2022

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The government is all set to commence its three-day global investment exposition, Global Investors' Meet (GIM), which will be virtually inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 2.

Union Ministers, including Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Industries Minister Piyush Goyal and Coal and Mines Minister Pralhad Joshi, would also virtually attend the exposition while Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Medium and Large Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani and other Ministers would be attending the opening event.

"We want serious enterprises and entrepreneurs who are committed to making investments in the State and creating jobs across the State. We have a lot of such companies coming in this time. We are seeing a very impressive rate of conversion, from MoUs to actual readiness to put in money. We are very excited about it," Mr. Nirani told *The Hindu*.

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> MURUGESH NIRANI
> Medium and Large Industries Minister

The Minister had earlier said that the exposition would bring in over ₹5 lakh crore investments to the State which would in turn generate over 500,000 new jobs in Karnataka.

This edition is expected to bring together more than 5,000 delegates and investors.

# 'POCSO Act overrides personal laws on age for sexual activities'

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The substantive and special enactments like the Indian Penal Code and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act override the personal laws on age for having sexual activities, the High Court of Karnataka has observed while considering the petitions filed by two Muslim men, who had sought bail in separate criminal cases registered against them for having sexual relationship with Muslim girls below the age of 18.

Justice Rajendra Badamikar made these observations while refusing to accept the arguments made on behalf of the accused persons that the charge of sexual assault on minors under POCSO Act could not have been invoked against them as Mohammedan law recognises normally 15 years as age of puberty for Muslim girls to marry. In both the case, the accused have claimed that the alleged sexual activities with the Muslim girls were consensual and it is recognised under the Mohammedan law as girls are aged around 15.

However, the court said that such arguments cannot be accepted while pointing out that both the IPC and the POCSO Act does not recognise sexual relationship with a girl below 18 years of age, even if it were be consented one.

**Child marriage**

In the first case, the police had registered a case against 27-year-old Aleem Pasha, a resident of Bengaluru, for marrying a 17-year-old Muslim girl based on information given by a doctor at a primary health centre. The girl, who had come to PHC for medial test, was found pregnant by the doctor. On verification of documents, she was found to be a minor and married. Even though the girl, after registration of the case, had stated before the police that marriage was performed without her consent, the court said that no evidence was produced before the trial courts to show that she had raised objection to the marriage and prima facie was a consenting party to the marriage though she was under the influence of her parents.

Noticing that the accused had produced documents in support of his marriage, the court said that there cannot be any impediment to enlarge him on bail and observed that he can take care of her during pregnancy.

# Siddaramaiah seeks to know source of cash distributed to journalists

**The Hindu Bureau**
MYSURU

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday sought to know the source of cash given to select journalists under the pretext of distributing Deepavali sweets.

Siddaramaiah

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the journalists had been given cash by the BJP government with the intention of "putting the lid on corruption" in their tenure.

Reacting to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's defence that he was not aware of journalists receiving cash along with Deepavali sweets and that somebody in his office had distributed the same, Mr. Siddaramaiah wondered how anybody in the Chief Minister's office can give away cash to journalists without bringing it to the notice of Mr. Bommai.

He alleged that an attempt had been made to bribe the journalists to ensure that they do not write anything against the government. While seeking to know whose money was used to bribe the journalists, Mr. Siddaramaiah asked if tax had been paid for the money that was given along with Deepavali sweets. The former Chief Minister said the money "could be from the 40 per cent commission that the government collects from contractors."

Hence, he said a judicial commission should be constituted to bring out the truth.

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**No: EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-2/30/2022-23 Dated: 29-10-2022**

**E-PROCUREMENT**
**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For Under Viveka Yojane/2022-23 Grants Works. The work details can be obtained from the e-Procurement Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted **on or before 10-11-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** Further details can be obtained from Website at **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,**
**Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.**

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**Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan**
**IFT No.18/2022-23, Dated: 31.10.2022**

Short term tenders are invited from eligible Agencies in two cover system through eprocurement portal of GOK (website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) for Hassan District works as per SBD-KW-4 Amount put to tender is Rs.164.99 lakhs. The last date of receipt of tender is 16.11.2022 upto 17.00 hours. Further detail can be had from E-Proc portal and the above office during office working hours. **Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan.**

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**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT CENTRAL PRISON, HINDLAGA, BELAGAVI-591108**

**No.CPB:/TENDER/ 3746/2022-23** **Dated: 28- 10 -2022**

**E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

As per the Head Office Order No:ADM2/CR-21/2022-23 Bangaluru, Dated:13-10-2022The purchases of Medicines, durgs and miscellaneous items and to Belagavi Central Prison and Belagavi Zone for the year 2022-23 to be procured through e-Procurement as per the KTTP Act.

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| 1 | DP/2022-23/IND1306/ call-2 Date:28-10-2022 | Lot-1 | Supply of Medicines, durgs and miscellaneous items for Central Prison, Belgavi | 04-11-2022 |
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Suppliers can also take assistance with e-Procurement help desk at 080-25501227, 25501216. For further details please visit at https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or Helpline No. 080-25501227, 25501216.

**Sd/-(KRISHNAKUMAR)**
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**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Through e-procurement only)**

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, ALBC Division invites tender on **Percentage basis from eligible contractors** in Two cover system along with EMD in e-cash. **Construction of CC Roads/Drain under SCP/TSP & Budget head** vide, **Indent No. 22950 & 22953.** Total No of Works: **02 No.** Approx. amount put to tender: **Rs. 287.87 lakhs.**

Access and submission of completed e-tender document from **02.11.2022 to 14.11.2022 up to 5.00 pm.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **07.11.2022 at 3.00 pm** in the office of Chief Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Zone Almatti. The Cover-I (Technical bid) will be opened on **16.11.2022 at 11.00 AM.**

**Further information about electronic tendering can be had from** http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/lines.seam **and** www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in **and from the office of undersigned during office hours. The rights of acceptance/rejection of tender at any time, without giving any reason had with undersigned.**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
**KBJNL, ALBC Division, Almatti**

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(14) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 118031 ರೂ. **28.50** ಲಕ್ಷ (4ನೇ ಕರೆ) (15) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 121409 ರೂ. **32.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)
(16) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 120520 ರೂ. **40.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ) (17) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 116432 ರೂ. **40.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)
(18) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 120720 ರೂ. **9.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) (19) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 120834 ರೂ. **85.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (5ನೇ ಕರೆ)
(20) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 117737 ರೂ. **105.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (4ನೇ ಕರೆ) (21) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ- 115906 ರೂ. **52.00** ಲಕ್ಷ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)

ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅವಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಚೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : **0836:2213834** ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http:/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **03-11-2022** ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 04 ರಿಂದ 06 ಹಾಗೂ 08 ರಿಂದ 10 ಮತ್ತು 13 ರಿಂದ 20ರ ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **10-11-2022** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 04 ರಿಂದ 06 ಹಾಗೂ 08 ರಿಂದ 10 ಮತ್ತು 13 ರಿಂದ 20ರ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **14-11-2022** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 08 ರಿಂದ 10 ಹಾಗೂ 20ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **17-11-2022** ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಂತರದ ಅನುಕೂಲಕರ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01 ರಿಂದ 03 ಮತ್ತು 07 ಹಾಗೂ 11 ರಿಂದ 12 ಹಾಗೂ 21ರ ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **18-11-2022** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01 ರಿಂದ 03 ಮತ್ತು 07 ಹಾಗೂ 11 ರಿಂದ 12 ಹಾಗೂ 21ರ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **19-11-2022** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 21ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **23-11-2022** ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಂತರದ ಅನುಕೂಲಕರ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

**ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ),**
**ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ**

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/709/2022-23

# No tie-up with Telangana Rashtra Samithi: Rahul

Decision taken by the collective leadership of the Telangana Congress; Bharat Jodo Yatra is definitely a political action and not a sports yatra, says Congress leader in Telangana

**R. Ravikanth Reddy**
HYDERABAD

Categorically ruling out any truck with the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), Congress leader and Member of Parliament Rahul Gandhi said the decision was taken by the collective leadership of the Telangana Congress and the party approved it.

Addressing a press conference at Kothur on the outskirts of Hyderabad, where he halted for a break on the sixth day of yatra, he said the decision was taken by the Telangana leadership collectively and the party has accepted it. Throughout his yatra in Telangana, Mr. Gandhi has been targeting the TRS stating that it was corrupt and the Congress will continue to fight against it.

On Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao forming a national party and asking other political parties to join it, including Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar with whom the Congress shares power, Mr. Gandhi said, Mr. Nitish Kumar can speak to any leader and he doesn't have any problem.

Maintaining that the fight in India today was between two ideologies – one seeking to divide the nation and the other to unite the nation, he said, "Only the Congress can defeat the ideology of the BJP."

Giving clarity about the political aspirations behind the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Mr. Gandhi said the yatra was definitely a political action and the political outcome of it will be known only at the end of the yatra in Srinagar, adding, "this is not a sports yatra."

**Clearing the air:** Rahul Gandhi talking about the political coalition at Kothur on the outskirts of Hyderabad on Monday.

# Golden Chariot to be back from Nov. 20 with new features

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The 'Golden Chariot' luxury train of the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation Limited (KSTDC) will be back in a new avatar in association with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) from November 20.

A release said the luxury train will attempt to connect some of the important dots which have shaped the history of South India through several centuries. The destinations have been chosen to showcase the architecture, culture and history of this region, it said. "The train now boasts of several new features, including newly upholstered furniture, elegant drapery, renovated rooms and bathrooms, crockery and cutlery of reputed international brands and an exquisite range of linen. For providing wholesome in-room entertainment, smart TVs with variety of WiFi-enabled subscriptions have been installed. CCTV cameras and fire alarm system have been added for more safety," the release added.

The guest carriages have been named after the dynasties which ruled south India. Each guest carriage has four deluxe cabins with a mix of twins and doubles.

# Mohanlal's football video emerges as a top-scorer

**P.K. Ajith Kumar**
KOZHIKODE

When actor Mohanlal spoke to director T.K. Rajeev Kumar about the possibility of doing something on the football World Cup in Qatar, the latter felt a song would be a good idea. After some research, he felt the well-documented craze for football in Malappuram district, in northern Kerala, could be a nice theme for the song. That was three months ago.

On Monday, Rajeev found that the video, *Tribute to World Cup Football, Qatar 2022,* had already scored a stunning goal. It was trending as No. 1 on YouTube. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBxqeZ9uCRA)

**World cup fever:** Mohanlal performing in a football promotional video, which is trending on YouTube. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**The video, directed by T.K. Rajeev Kumar, attracted 5.6 lakh views within 17 hours of its release**

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**'Sevens' football**

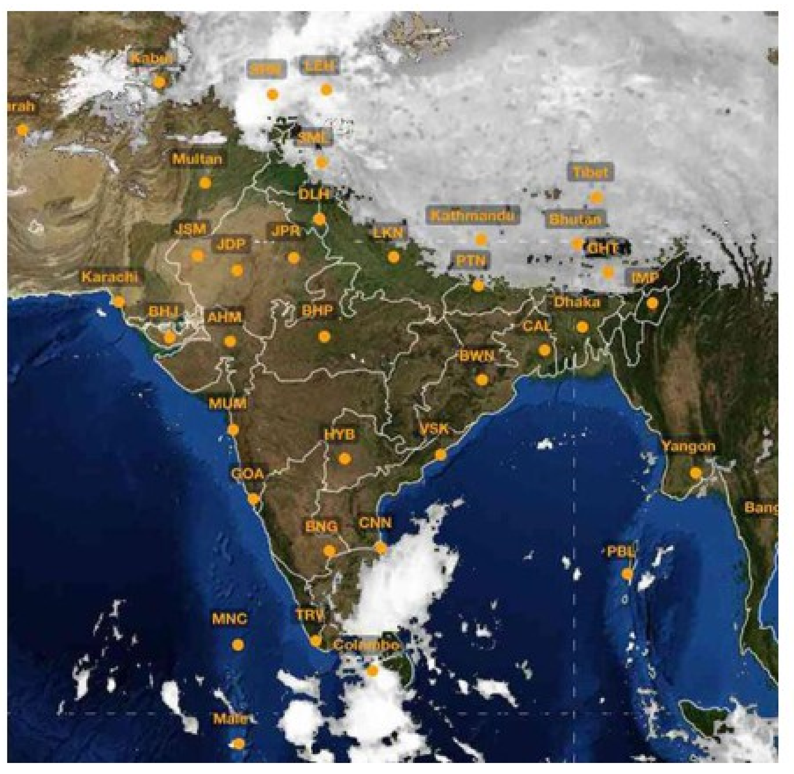
"We could not have imagined that it would become such a big hit within a day," Rajeev *tells The Hindu* over phone from Doha, where the song was released on Sunday. Besides Malappuram's passion for the beautiful game, the district's unique tradition of seven-a-side football is also a dominating theme in the song, which is rendered by Mohanlal, who also has acted in it. "When I started doing the research for the song, I thought the 'sevens' football needed to be in focus," says Rajeev, the director of films like *Chanakyan* and *Pavithram*. "I stayed in Malappuram for a few days to speak to footballers, like U. Sharaf Ali (former Indian captain), who have also appeared in the video."

One of the things you would notice about the video is its overall production quality. That isn't surprising, for the crew includes some of the big names from Malayalam cinema, like cinematographer Sudeep Elamon, editor Don Max, choreographer Brinda and production designer Santhosh Raman. It is produced by Antony Perumbavoor under the banner of Aashirvad Cinemas.

The song is composed by Hesham Abdul Wahab, winner of this year's Kerala State Film Award for best music. Krishnadas Panki has written the lyrics.

## WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Tuesday:** Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, south interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agartala | — | 33.6 | 24.2 | Kozhikode | — | 34.5 | 25.0 |
| Ahmedabad | — | 35.0 | 18.0 | Kurnool | — | 33.0 | 21.0 |
| Aizawl | — | — | 18.4 | Lucknow | — | 30.4 | 18.1 |
| Allahabad | — | 32.4 | 17.5 | Madurai | 1 | 33.7 | 23.5 |
| Bengaluru | — | 29.3 | 19.0 | Mangaluru | 0.2 | 32.6 | 23.8 |
| Bhopal | — | — | 14.0 | Mumbai | — | 34.5 | 20.5 |
| Bhubaneswar | — | 31.5 | 19.4 | Mysuru | — | 29.0 | 20.4 |
| Chandigarh | — | 31.5 | 14.8 | New Delhi | — | 31.1 | 15.0 |
| Chennai | 5 | 26.8 | 24.5 | Patna | — | 31.7 | 19.1 |
| Coimbatore | — | 31.6 | 23.2 | Port Blair | 1 | 30.4 | 25.1 |
| Dehradun | — | 29.9 | 14.0 | Puducherry | — | 27.4 | 22.8 |
| Gangtok | — | 20.2 | 11.7 | Pune | — | 29.8 | 15.6 |
| Goa | — | 34.4 | 20.8 | Raipur | — | 30.3 | 17.7 |
| Guwahati | — | 31.8 | 21.0 | Ranchi | — | 28.6 | 18.4 |
| Hubballi | — | 30.0 | 16.0 | Shillong | — | 24.1 | 13.8 |
| Hyderabad | — | 29.3 | 15.6 | Shimla | — | 20.4 | 10.4 |
| Imphal | — | 30.0 | 14.3 | Srinagar | — | 15.8 | 3.9 |
| Jaipur | — | 32.3 | 17.5 | Thiruvananthapuram | 0.4 | 31.5 | 24.4 |
| Kochi | 26 | 30.6 | 23.4 | Tiruchi | — | 31.1 | 24.6 |
| Kohima | — | 22.2 | 10.6 | Vijayawada | — | 31.2 | 21.2 |
| Kolkata | — | 31.6 | 22.4 | Visakhapatnam | — | 31.6 | 24.2 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | .63 | ..96 | .68 | .....87 | ...151 | Moderate |
| Bengaluru | ...6 | ..27 | .68 | ...203 | ...126 | Poor |
| Chennai | .14 | ..53 | 119 | ...144 | ...108 | Moderate |
| Delhi | .28 | 115 | 108 | ...451 | ...452 | Poor |
| Hyderabad | ...2 | ..35 | .40 | ...171 | ...136 | Moderate |
| Kolkata | .24 | ..64 | .25 | ...107 | ...106 | Moderate |
| Lucknow | .12 | ..99 | .60 | ...199 | ...239 | Poor |
| Mumbai | ..— | ..74 | .74 | ...226 | ...132 | Poor |
| Pune | ..— | ..— | .40 | .....— | .....— | .......— |
| Visakhapatnam | .28 | ..42 | .23 | ...117 | ...123 | Moderate |

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Kaithal, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 395 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

**Air Quality Code:** Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Smt. HEMAMALINI RAGHUNATHAN
[ HQ-S.RLYS ]
10-02-1956 to 20-10-2022
Passed away Peacefully
Surrounded by Family
Smart to Her Last Breath
Survived by
Not so Smart Husband
V.S. Raghunathan – [ TFC PHARMA ]
Tributes at
avantiraghu@gmail.com

REMEMBRANCE

REMEMBRANCE
12th Death Anniversary

N.Gokulram, IAS.,
16.11.1950 - 01.11.2010
"You are always living in our hearts
and we feel your presence everywhere"
- Fondly remembered by family members.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

THIRD ANNIVERSARY

V.CHANDRALEKA
4 Jan 1966 – 1 Nov 2019
A part of us wishes you were here, another part knows that you are
Fondly remembered by family, friends & students
Ph : 8056698901

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## NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT

[Pursuant to Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014]

**NOTICE** is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 110 and all other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") read with Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "SEBI Listing Regulations"), Secretarial Standard on General Meetings ("SS-2") issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, including any statutory modification(s), clarification(s), substitution(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force, guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (the "MCA"), Government of India, for holding general meetings / conducting postal ballot process through electronic voting (remote e-voting) vide General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021 and 20/2021 dated December 8, 2021 (the "MCA Circulars") and any other applicable laws and regulations, to transact the following special business by way of ordinary / special resolution via Postal Ballot through e-voting process:

| S.No. | Description of the Resolution |
|---|---|
| 1 | Appointment of Mr. S. Krishnan (DIN: 07261965) as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank and approval of Remuneration |
| 2 | Re-appointment of Mr. K Nagarajan (DIN: 02274426) as an Independent Director of the Bank |
| 3 | Re-appointment of Mr. B Vijayadurai (DIN: 07403509) as an Independent Director of the Bank |

The Postal Ballot Notice has been sent to the Members, whose names appear in the Register of Members / Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on Friday, October 28, 2022 (the "Cut-Off Date"), through e-mail to those shareholders who have registered their e-mail address and through post for those shareholders who have not registered their e-mail address. The Postal Ballot Notice is also available at the Bank's website www.tmb.in and the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and on the website of CDSL at www.evotingindia.com

In accordance with the applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the members can vote on the resolutions proposed in the said Postal Ballot Notice only by electronic means ("e-voting"). The Bank has engaged the services of Central Depository Securities Limited ("CDSL") to provide the e-voting facility. In this regard, your demat account/folio has been enrolled for your participation in the E-voting, the procedure for casting your vote is available from page No.3 to 6 of the Postal Ballot Notice.

**The remote e-voting schedule is as under:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Commencement of e-voting | **Tuesday, November 01, 2022 at 9.00 A.M. IST** |
| End of e-voting | **Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 5.00 P.M. IST** |
| Cut-Off date fixed by the Bank (i.e., the date of determination of eligibility to vote by electronic means) | **Friday, October 28, 2022** |

E-voting will not be allowed beyond the aforesaid date and time and the e-voting module shall be forthwith disabled by CDSL upon expiry of the aforesaid period. Once the vote on the resolution is cast by the Member, the same cannot be changed subsequently.

The Board of Directors have appointed M/s. S. Anantha & Ved LLP (LLPIN: AAH 8229), Practising Company Secretaries in practice, for conducting the Postal Ballot process in a fair and transparent manner.

The resolution, if approved, shall be deemed to have been passed on the last date of e-voting i.e., Wednesday, November 30, 2022. The results of e-voting will be displayed on Company's website www.tmb.in and shall also be communicated to the Stock Exchanges, where the equity shares of the Company are listed and National Securities Depository Limited, (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) and the RTA. The Company will also display the results of the Postal Ballot at its Registered Office.

Any grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr. Manager, Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33.

**By Order of the Board of Directors**
**For Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited**
**Sd/-**
**Prakash Chandra Panda, Company Secretary & Compliance Officer**
**(ACS Membership No: A22585)**

**Thoothukudi**
**October 31, 2022**

## KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
**Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MBC O&M Division**
**Chigarahalli Tq. Jewargi Dist.Gulbarga-585310.**

NO. KBJNL/MBCDn/SCP-TSP/PB-1/2022-23/589 Date:29-10-2022

**PERCENTAGE SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Through E-Procurement portal only)**

**Reference:Tender Notification, No-587 Date:29-10-2022**

On behalf of Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL MBC O&M Division, Chigarahalli Tq. Jewargi, invites short term percentage/turn key tender from registered Contractors of KPWD/Electircal for the works stated below as per KTPP act. The tenders are required to submit in Two Cover. For the work of SCP & TSP of Shahapur Constituency for the year 2021-22 (Indent No 23080 & 23081) having amount put to tender 74.82 lakhs each (Including GST) and EMD of 1.5 lakhs for each work.

**Calendar of events.**

1) Request for e-tender documents : **From 03-11-2022 to 15-11-2022 upto 5.00 pm,** 2) Submission of completed e-tender documents : **On 15-11-2022 upto 5.00 pm,** 3) Opening of Technical bid : **17-11-2022 at 11.30 am,** 2) Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ines.seam. 3) Any clarification may please be taken from the undersigned one during the office hours.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL,**
**MBC O&M Division, Chigarahalli.585310.**

DIP/Kalaburagi/785/MC&A/2022-23

## The gun and the pen

### Stringent laws are only part of the solution to violent extremism

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent observations at a conclave of State Home Ministers contained a possibly unintended explanation for why academicians, students and lawyers are languishing in prison on terrorism charges. He called for the elimination of all forms of Naxalism, be it of the gun-wielding variety or the kind that uses the pen "to raise international support" and "to mislead the youth". The remarks came alongside his emphasis on how the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act had given an impetus to combating terrorism. In effect, he has conveyed a disconcerting message that the police would treat armed militants and intellectuals alike, if the Government suspects a concordance in their outlook. Considering that the UAPA has been frequently and even unfairly invoked in cases that appear to have no nexus with terrorism, Mr. Modi's views raise a question whether his comments are a justification of sorts for the continued incarceration of many who do not seem to have indulged in any particular extremist act. Incitement to violence, especially mobilising support for armed insurgency, is indeed a grave offence, but unless there is a proven connection between the nature of the support given and an actual act of terror or a plot to commit one, it is difficult to treat the two things as one.

Recent judicial orders declining bail to activist Umar Khalid in the Delhi riots case, and Jyoti Jagtap of the Kabir Kala Manch in the Elgar Parishad case are good examples of how the police straddle the huge gulf between the nature of their participation in a protest or an event and an actual act of violence by invoking UAPA, and thus eliminating the need to have concrete evidence to show their involvement in a communal or Maoist plot. While this may highlight the potential for misuse of UAPA and the impediments to liberty found both in the law and in its judicial interpretation, it also has a distinct side-effect: the manipulation of political discourse in such a way that those who question the actions, methods and processes of the state that cause mass resentment are criminalised. It is in such a backdrop that the use of political catchwords such as 'Urban Naxals', a term that even Mr. Modi has used recently, should be seen. Far from being linked to any terrorist or Maoist conspiracy, the term is merely used to tarnish those with an alternative point of view. The Government arming itself with more stringent laws is only part of the solution to the threat posed by violent extremism. Looking for remedies to the underlying causes is more important than conjuring up conspiracies in the name of dismantling its support structures.

## Burden of tragedy

### People were allowed to walk into the death trap in Morbi

At least 140 people were killed after a suspension bridge, a tourist attraction in Gujarat's Morbi town, collapsed, sending hundreds of revellers into the Machchhu river below. At least 47 of the dead were children, making it one of India's most horrendous tragedies. Inaugurated in 1879, the bridge was renovated and opened on October 26, four days before the tragedy. This raises several concerns. A company that seems to have had no apparent expertise or track record in the field was awarded the contract. There are questions about the fitness of the bridge; in any case, it was not intended to carry more than 150 people at a time, according to reports. Hundreds were on the bridge when it snapped as there was no crowd control. People were allowed to walk into a death trap. All these point to a major failure of governance at various levels. Gujarat is among the richer States of India, but it has often faced governance challenges – its poor management of the pandemic is a case in point. Human acts of omission and commission often cause tragedies, and significantly change the impact of natural disasters. The police have arrested nine people, including two officials of the company that is now under a cloud, and the government has announced compensation to the kin of the victims. A thorough inquiry and the fixing of accountability must follow quickly. The findings should be made public as soon as possible, and the guilty must face exemplary punishment.

Coming out of the long restrictions on travel necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, people all over the world appear to be binging on travel and outings. A stampede in Seoul in South Korea killed 154 people last week. In India also, record numbers of people are thronging tourism and pilgrimage spots. While tourism and travel are powerful engines of the economy, there must be more attention paid to ensure that they are safe and sustainable. Tourist and pilgrimage centres around the country should carry out safety and environmental audits to ensure that crowd management and safety protocols are in place to avoid tragedies such as this. Development of new centres where large numbers of people are expected should account for such contingencies. The rapid pace of road and infrastructure development in ecologically sensitive areas such as the Himalayas should be in accordance with topographic limitations. More must be done to regulate the flow of travellers according to the infrastructure capacity of particular destinations. Tourism promotion campaigns must include creating safety awareness among visitors and local officials.

# Sequence of implementation, EWS quota outcomes

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The original intent of the reservation policy in newly independent India was to level the playing field for the most marginalised sections, those stigmatised and discriminated against on account of their birth into specific caste and tribal groups. While these groups were also economically deprived, that was not the main rationale for instituting compensatory discrimination in favour of these groups.

Over the decades, the instrument of reservation has expanded to include more groups under its ambit, leading to furious debates both about the general principle of affirmative action and about which groups deserve to be beneficiaries. These disputes have resulted in complex legal cases, with the rulings providing the nuts-and-bolts mechanics that guide the implementation of the reservation policy on the ground.

This article draws attention to a crucial impending implementation decision about the economically weaker sections (EWS) quota, and shows how the sequence of implementation would result to diverging outcomes.

The reservation system in India takes two forms: vertical reservation (VR), which until 2019 was defined for stigmatised and marginalised social groups (SCs, STs and OBCs); and horizontal reservation (HR), applicable to cross-cutting categories such as women, people with disability (PWD), domicile, etc. As long as the VR system was social group-based, no individual was eligible for multiple VR categories, since no individual can belong to multiple caste or tribal groups.

The 103rd Constitution Amendment Act in 2019, popularly known as the 10% quota for the so-called EWS, fundamentally altered the original raison d'être of reservations by opening VR to groups that are not defined in terms of hereditary social group identity (caste or tribe). EWS status is transient (that individuals can fall into or escape out of), but social groups are permanent markers of identity.

While this meant that in principle, an individual could belong to two VR categories (say, SC and EWS), the amendment explicitly removed individuals who are already eligible for one VR (SC, ST, or OBC) from the scope of EWS reservations. As a result of this exclusion, an individual could still be only eligible for at most one vertical category.

Exclusion of SCs, STs, OBCs from the scope of EWS reservation was immediately challenged in court on the grounds that it violated individual right to equality (that roughly corresponds to Articles 14-18 of the Indian Constitution).

On the last day of hearings at the Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court, the following "compromise" proposal was made by G. Mohan Gopal: do not revoke the amendment but interpret the language of the amendment in a way that does not exclude SCs, STs, OBCs from the scope of EWS reservation.

The judiciary needs to note a subtle aspect of economically weaker sections' (EWS) reservation, i.e., first or last, in ensuring that there is an optimal implementation strategy

**Overlapping VR categories and ambiguity**

Allowing for overlapping VR categories (such as SC and EWS, etc.) generates an important ambiguity under the current legal framework, most notably stemming from the ruling of the Indra Sawhney case (1992). Under this, any member of a reserved category who is entitled to an open-category position based on "merit" (examination) score should be awarded an open-category position, and not be slotted under a VR position. Technically, this implies that open-category positions must be allocated based on merit in the first step, and VR positions should be allocated to eligible individuals in the second step. This procedure is called "over-and-above" choice rule in the literature. This is to be distinguished from the "guaranteed minimum" rule which would guarantee a minimum number of positions to members of beneficiary groups, regardless of whether they enter through reserved or open ("merit") positions.

When VR categories are mutually exclusive, i.e., no individual can be a member of multiple vertical categories, it is completely immaterial in what sequence vertical categories are processed in relation to each other. However, if individuals can belong to two vertical categories, the relative processing sequence of vertical categories becomes very important, as Sönmez and his fellow economist Utku Ünver show in their 2022 paper.

How will sequencing matter? EWS-first: Consider the scenario where EWS positions before other VR categories, immediately after the open category seats. In her 2019 paper with economist Rajesh Ramachandran, Deshpande shows that under the current income limit for EWS reservation, more than 98% of the population qualifies, i.e., almost everyone is eligible for EWS reservation. If EWS reservations are filled first, the outcome would be the same as treating EWS positions as open positions.

This would effectively end up making the EWS reservation redundant. Since the richest applicants are not eligible for EWS, the actual outcome would be slightly different, but not a whole lot as the richest 2% may not even apply to public institutions where quotas are applicable.

EWS-last: If EWS positions are allocated after all other VR positions are filled, this issue will not arise. Now, while all individuals with incomes lower than the EWS limit are equally eligible for EWS positions (which is still effectively all individuals), the system awards the EWS positions to eligible individuals who have highest merit scores. But since some of the higher score individuals from SCs, STs and OBCs would be admitted under their respective quotas, this sequencing will make EWS positions more accessible to members of forward castes.

**On which sequence is better**

The purpose of this article is to demonstrate that two routes imply very different policy outcomes. We are highlighting the fact that overlapping VR categories lead to a major ambiguity (or loophole) in the system. If the objective is to make EWS equally applicable to the current VR categories, then EWS-first should be adopted with the recognition that this sequencing will effectively convert EWS into what are currently open category positions. If the objective is to minimally interfere with the amendment, then EWS-last should be adopted with the recognition that this sequencing will still tilt the EWS category in favour of forward castes. Since the impact of these two routes will be vastly different, it would be best if this subtle aspect of EWS reservation is carefully evaluated and integrated into the implementation of the policy.

What if the current income limit of the EWS category is changed (lowered)? That would change the calculus somewhat since poorer individuals from all social groups (including non-SC-ST-OBC) would be eligible. In this scenario, the richer (above the presumed new income cut-off) SC-ST-OBC individuals will be eligible only for the social group-based VR positions. However, changing income limits is likely to open a whole new Pandora's box, especially in the absence of reliable income data. Realistically, shifting the income cut-off for EWS seems unlikely.

Therefore, the court would be well-advised to consider the implications of the implementation routes and to make sure there are no ambiguities, i.e., no loopholes. Ambiguities in reservation rules have led to court cases, leading to long delays in filling up positions. Given the enormity of the unemployment situation, as well as the importance of addressing social cleavages, the urgency of working out an optimal implementation strategy cannot be overstated.

# A pathway to citizenship for Indian-origin Tamils

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The Supreme Court of India has now posted the 232 petitions challenging the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) to be heard on December 6, 2022. However, there is another issue linked to the subject, i.e., the unresolved status of Indian-origin Tamils who repatriated from Sri Lanka. For over four decades, nearly 30,000 Indian-origin Tamils have been classified as stateless persons, based on technicalities. Given their genealogical link to India, the Government of India needs to consider extending citizenship benefits to them in accordance with Indian bilateral obligations and international humanitarian principles and international conventions.

**Plight of Indian-origin Tamils**

Under the British colonial government, Indian-origin Tamils were brought in as indentured labourers to work in plantations. They remained mostly legally undocumented and socially isolated from the native Sri Lankan Tamil and Sinhalese communities due to the policies of the British. After 1947, Sri Lanka witnessed rising Sinhalese nationalism, leaving no room for their political and civil participation. They were denied citizenship rights and existed as a 'stateless' population, numbering close to 10 lakh by 1960. As an ethno-linguistic minority without voting rights, this resulted in a double disadvantage till the two national governments addressed this issue.

Subsequently, under the bilateral Sirimavo-Shastri Pact (1964) and the Sirimavo-Gandhi Pact (1974), six lakh people along with their natural increase would be granted Indian citizenship upon their repatriation. Thus, the process of granting Indian-origin Tamils (who returned to India till around 1982) began. However, the Sri Lankan civil war resulted in a spike in Sri Lankan Tamils and Indian-origin Tamils together seeking asylum in India. This resulted in a Union Ministry of Home Affairs directive to stop the grant of citizenship to those who arrived in India after July 1983.

Besides its bilateral obligations and international humanitarian principles and conventions, there are recent judgments to guide India in having an expanded and liberal interpretation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act

Furthermore, the focus of the Indian and Tamil Nadu governments shifted to refugee welfare and rehabilitation. Over the next 40 years, the legal destiny of Indian-origin Tamils has been largely intertwined with that of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees, and both cohorts have been relegated to 'refugee' status. This is because Indian-origin Tamils who arrived after 1983 came through unauthorised channels or without proper documentation, and came to be classified as 'illegal migrants' as per the CAA 2003. This classification has resulted in their statelessness and blocking of potential legal pathways to citizenship.

**Overcoming statelessness**

While constitutional courts have not had an occasion to deal with the question of statelessness, there have been two recent judgments (Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, Justice G.R. Swaminathan), taking these issues head on. In *P. Ulaganathan vs Government of India* (2019), the status of citizenship of Indian-origin Tamils at the Kottapattu and Mandapam camps came up for consideration.

The court recognised the distinction between Indian-origin Tamils and Sri Lankan Tamils and held that a continuous period of statelessness of Indian-origin Tamils offends their fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The court further held that the Union Government has implied powers to grant relaxation in conferring citizenship and prescribed that a humanitarian approach, shorn of the rigours of law, should be adopted.

On October 11, the court held in *Abirami S. vs The Union of India* 2022, that statelessness is something to be avoided. The court further held that the principles of the CAA, 2019, which relaxes the conditions for citizenship for Hindus from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh, would also apply to Sri Lankan Tamil refugees. As such, these judgments have provided categorial judicial guidance to the Union of India on how to utilise an expanded and liberal interpretation of the CAA, 2019 to overcome statelessness.

The situation of statelessness of Indian-origin Tamils is '*de jure*', created from the failure in implementing the 1964 and 1974 pacts. *De jure* statelessness is recognised in international customary law. Therefore, India has an obligation to remedy the situation. In the case of the Chakma refugees, the Supreme Court (*Committee for C.R. of C.A.P. and Ors. vs State of Arunachal Pradesh* 2015) held that an undertaking made by the Government of India with respect to grant of citizenship inheres a right in the stateless or refugee population. As such, India has made repeated undertakings, through the 1964 and 1974 pacts, which have created a legitimate expectation among the Indian-origin Tamils and would entitle them to be granted citizenship.

Remedying statelessness is not a novel process in law. While dealing with a similar situation, in 1994, the United States enacted the Immigration and the Nationality Technical Corrections Act to retroactively grant citizenship to all children born to an alien father and citizen mother. Similarly, Brazil, through the Constitutional Amendment No. 54 of 2007 retroactively granted citizenship to children under *jus sanguinis*, which was earlier stripped by an earlier amendment, i.e., Constitutional Amendment No. 3 of 1994. Therefore, any corrective legislative action by the Government of India to eliminate statelessness should necessarily include retroactive citizenship for Indian-origin Tamils.

According to a recent report by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, "Comprehensive Solutions Strategy for Sri Lankan Refugees", there are around 29,500 Indian-origin Tamils currently living in India. As such, when the Union Government makes its case before the Supreme Court to extend citizenship to Indian-origin persons from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh seeking asylum in India, it cannot deny Indian-origin Tamils their rightful pathway to citizenship.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Man-made tragedy**

Going by evidence in the collapse of a colonial-era suspension bridge in Gujarat's Morbi district (Page 1, October 31), there is enough to indicate that this was a man-made tragedy.

Visuals have shown hundreds of people on the bridge. The Gujarat government needs to constitute an inquiry committee. Stern action needs to be taken against the guilty.

**S.K. Khosla,**
Chandigarh

There does seem to have been negligence: bypassing safety rules in ensuring carrying capacity and also being lax about enforcing safety rules. There are images of youngsters on the bridge being over-enthusiastic and boisterous. Money and words are poor comfort when precious lives have been needlessly lost.

**Rajamani Chelladurai,**
Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu

The bridge should not have been thrown open to the public without ascertaining its safety in full. The Morbi accident, like similar tragedies in the past, will pass into oblivion once the authorities finish doling out monetary compensation to the families and the appointment of an inquiry commission.

**P.G. Menon,**
Chennai

From what can be seen in the media, it appears to be a man-made tragedy. There will be a number of questions considering the sheer magnitude of this tragedy.

**A. Mohan,**
Chennai

**At Perth**

The sheer pace of the South African quartet — Lungi Ngidi, Wayne Parnell, Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje — rattled the Indian batters. That the first slip was standing almost near the 30-yard circle behind the wickets stood testimony to the speed at which the SA bowlers were bowling, which reminded us of the deadly pace attack of the West Indies of the 1970s.

Barring Suryakumar Yadav, the rest fell to pace.

**K. Pradeep,**
Chennai

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# How do voters assess the Gujarat government?

While the BJP-led State government is rated positively, there is not a great deal of endorsement for its famed development record

LOKNITI-CSDS SURVEY

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**& Vanshika Sharma**

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) formed the government in Gujarat in 1995. Since then, it has more or less remained in power. Now, it is seeking yet another term.

The Lokniti-Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) survey sought to gauge public opinion in Gujarat on the government's performance over the last five years. Close to two-thirds of the respondents reported that they were satisfied (fully or somewhat) with the State government's performance (Table 1). The remaining one-third expressed dissatisfaction (fully or somewhat) with the government's performance.

Satisfaction with the State government's performance has seen an increase of 11% points since 2017. Even net satisfaction (those satisfied minus those dissatisfied) with the government's performance stands at a comfortable 31% compared to a mere 8% in 2017. This means that more people are satisfied than dissatisfied with the government.

Of those satisfied, more people are from the middle and upper classes than the lower and poorer classes. Satisfaction is also higher among the rural respondents compared to the urban ones (68% versus 59%, respectively, as seen in Table 2).

When asked whether development during the BJP government's tenure in the State has been for all, only for the rich, or has not taken place at all, only three in every 10 respondents said development has been for all sections (Table 3). Over half the respondents felt that development has been only for the rich (52%). This is a sharp rise from 2017 when 36% felt so. However, the proportion of those who felt that there has been no development in the State has seen a decline of 12% points. The sentiment that development has only taken place for the rich was much stronger among poor voters, with close to three-fifths of them saying so, compared to rich voters, with 40% saying so.

A higher proportion of voters in urban areas than in rural areas said development has taken place for all sections (Table 4).

Though Gujarat is often projected as a State with a good development record, people did not share this sentiment with the same degree of intensity. Over half the respondents said Gujarat is not as developed a State now as it used to be, and a little over one-third disagreed with this view (Table 5).

Furthermore, the share of those who said Gujarat is not as developed a State now as it used to be earlier has recorded an increase since 2017.

Even though people have mixed opinions on development, the State government is rated positively when it comes to satisfaction with the overall performance of the BJP. This paradox between rating the government positively and not being very enthusiastic in endorsing its development record could determine the nature of the electoral contest.

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File photo of a rally by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Patan, Gujarat. VIJAY SONEJI

A higher proportion of urban voters compared to rural voters said development has taken place for all sections

Table 1: Assessment of the work done by the State government in the last five years

| | 2017 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Fully satisfied | 25% | 22% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 28% | 42% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 19% | 14% |
| Fully dissatisfied | 26% | 19% |

Note: The rest did not give a response
The question asked: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of the BJP government in Gujarat in the last five years?

Table 2: The level of satisfaction with the State government's work in the last five years

| | Fully satisfied | Somewhat satisfied | Somewhat dissatisfied | Fully dissatisfied |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| All | 22% | 42% | 14% | 19% |
| Poor | 15% | 38% | 13% | 31% |
| Lower | 21% | 45% | 16% | 15% |
| Middle | 28% | 44% | 14% | 13% |
| Rich | 36% | 40% | 16% | 7% |
| Rural | 23% | 45% | 13% | 17% |
| Urban | 21% | 38% | 16% | 22% |

Table 3: Divided opinion about development in Gujarat under BJP rule

| | 2017 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Development has been only for the rich | 36% | 52% |
| Development has been for all | 26% | 31% |
| There has been no development | 20% | 8% |

Note: The rest gave no response
The question asked: People have different opinions about development in Gujarat under the BJP govt. Some believe that development has only been for the rich, some say it has been for everyone, and some say that there has been no development. What is your opinion?

Table 4: What do poor and rich Gujaratis say about development in Gujarat?

| | Development has been only for the rich | Development has been for all | There has been no development |
|---|---|---|---|
| Poor | 58% | 26% | 6% |
| Lower | 52% | 28% | 8% |
| Middle | 49% | 35% | 9% |
| Rich | 40% | 42% | 10% |
| Rural | 53% | 27% | 8% |
| Urban | 51% | 36% | 7% |

Note: The rest gave no response

Table 5: Gujarat is not as developed as it was before

| Gujarat is not as developed as it was earlier | 2017 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Agree | 38% | 51% |
| Disagree | 48% | 33% |
| No response | 14% | 16% |

The question asked: Do you agree or disagree with this statement: Gujarat is not as developed a State now as it used to be earlier?

# How satisfied are different communities with the government?

**Aaliyia Malik**
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How do people from various communities assess the work done by the government for their community? Our survey shows a paradox here. Overall, voters in Gujarat were not very dissatisfied with the State government. A little over one in every three persons said they are dissatisfied with the State government. However, when asked if the government has done enough for the respondents' social section or community, a more critical response emerged. Even though different groups may not be dissatisfied with the State government, in a comparative analysis of 2017 and 2022, apart from traders, most groups were less than satisfied that the government had met the expectations of their group (Table 1).

According to the Gujarat State Agriculture Marketing Board, there are around 90 lakh farmers in agricultural production. They form about 65% of the total workforce in the State. Of those surveyed, nearly 51% said the government has succeeded in looking after farmers. This is 4% points less than those who said so in 2017.

Gujarat has the second-highest share of registered investors in the country. Almost 53% of the respondents said the government has succeeded in looking after the interests of traders. More than half of these respondents were traders.

Nearly 49% said the government has succeeded in looking after the interests of the youth, 40% said the government has failed in this aspect, and 11% chose not to respond.

When asked whether the interests of women have been looked after by the State government, nearly 56% of the population comprising about 57% of women said the State government has succeeded. While these numbers are not alarming for the BJP, there is a slight decline in satisfaction compared to 2017 in each section.

The data also show that there is considerable dissatisfaction among Dalits, Adivasis and Muslims on the issue of the State government working for the interest of their respective communities. Close to half the Muslims said the government has failed to look after the interests of their community. One in four from the Muslim community did not respond.

Adivasis, who comprise 8.1% of India's Scheduled Tribe population and 14.8% of the State population, also expressed discontent with the State government in taking care of the interests of their community. A little over two-fifths of Adivasis said the government has failed to look after their interests and close to three in 10 did not share their opinion.

Among Dalits too, more respondents felt the government has not catered to their interests compared to those who said it has looked after the community's interests.

Data show that the Patidars, who are demanding Other Backward Classes status since 2015, are also not overwhelmingly happy about what the government has done for their caste-community. Kolis, who are considered a major vote bank, are also not very satisfied as far as their caste-community interests are concerned (Table 2).

It will be interesting to see how the BJP reconciles these sectional dissatisfactions with the overall approval the government enjoys in the State.

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File photo of Dalits protesting in Ahmedabad against the dilution of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. VIJAY SONEJI

Table 1: The government's success and failure in satisfying the interests of different sections

| | 2017 | | 2022 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Succeeded | Failed | Succeeded | Failed |
| Farmers | 55% | 39% | 51% | 34% |
| Traders | 50% | 40% | 53% | 30% |
| Youth | 51% | 41% | 49% | 40% |
| Women | 61% | 36% | 56% | 34% |
| Your caste-community | 43% | 50% | 43% | 36% |

How the question was worded: According to you, has the Gujarat govt. succeeded or failed in looking after the interests of the following?
The rest did not respond

Table 2: Unhappiness among Dalits, Muslims and Adivasis

| Caste-community | Government succeeded in looking after the interests of your caste-community | Government failed in looking after the interests of your caste-community | No response |
|---|---|---|---|
| All | 43% | 36% | 21% |
| Upper caste | 62% | 24% | 14% |
| Patidar (Middle caste) | 48% | 32% | 20% |
| Kshatriya (OBC) | 56% | 30% | 14% |
| Koli | 44% | 32% | 24% |
| Other OBCs | 45% | 35% | 20% |
| Dalits | 40% | 45% | 15% |
| Adivasis | 32% | 41% | 27% |
| Muslims | 25% | 49% | 26% |

# How far have government schemes reached the people of Gujarat?

**Jyoti Mishra**
**& Umar Mohidin**

Over the past two decades, welfare schemes have come to constitute an important dimension of governance that affects voters' choices and assessment. Most governments aggressively design, implement and advertise various targeted schemes and general welfare measures. Gujarat is no exception. Therefore, the claims of the BJP government and the perceptions of voters about these claims are bound to be important factors in this election.

Have the welfare schemes of the the Central and State governments actually benefited the targeted sections in Gujarat? We tried to examine the reach of these schemes. The Gujarat government has implemented many schemes for the marginalised sections. We asked the voters whether they availed of the benefits of these schemes in the last five years. Close to two in every three households in Gujarat said they benefited from the free ration scheme: 68% from the poorer section and 72% from the lower class said they got free ration under the scheme.

Other than the free ration scheme, there is a provision of buying ration at subsidised price under the PDS. Around one in four households purchased ration at a subsidised cost; the proportion of the beneficiaries of this scheme went up to one in three among poorer voters.

Both these schemes were more effective in rural Gujarat than urban Gujarat. Data suggest that three-fourths of the households in rural Gujarat got free ration and a little over one-thirds bought ration at subsidised prices under the PDS scheme. The success of the scheme could also be ascertained from the fact that nine out of 10 voters from Adivasi households said that they got free ration and close to two-thirds bought ration at a cheaper price. Three-fourths of the surveyed Dalit households also got ration free of cost.

The Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, for farmers, has had positive outcomes. Close to half the voters from farming households received monetary benefits under this scheme. In the survey, 8% of farming households said they also received the benefits of other agricultural schemes which they used to buy fertilizers, seed, machinery. etc. at subsidised prices.

Voters also acknowledged that they have received the benefits of free health treatment. Two-fifths said that their households benefited from the health scheme which provids them free or subsidised healthcare facilities. The data suggest that rural voters and voters from marginalised castes and communities benefited more than others from the heath schemes implemented by the Gujarat government in the last five years.

Other schemes which benefited the voters were electricity and water free of cost or at cheap rates (13%), direct cash transfers (12%) and the provision of money to build a house (11%). The beneficiaries of these schemes were higher in rural Gujarat than in urban Gujarat and were mainly from Dalit and Adivasi households.

To sum up, the performance of welfare schemes is somewhat uneven (Tables 1 and 2). Some schemes have been implemented well. Targeted groups have benefited from free ration, PDS, Kisan Samman Nidhi and, to some extent, the health scheme. The benefits of other schemes have not yet reached the targeted sections as not many voters said they benefited from these. Yet, the goodwill earned through these schemes could be a valuable asset for the BJP.

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Table 1: Beneficiaries of schemes

| | Benefited |
|---|---|
| Completely free ration | 64% |
| Kisan Samman Nidhi (Among farming households) | 49% |
| Subsidised ration under PDS | 27% |
| Free or cheap health treatment | 21% |
| Electricity and water for free or at cheap rates | 13% |
| Money in bank account under any other govt.scheme | 12% |
| Help/money to build a house | 11% |
| Work/money under MGNREGA | 11% |
| Money/financial assistance for girl's marriage | 9% |
| Received money regularly for the uplift of girls, daughters | 8% |
| Fertilizers, seed, machinery etc. under any agricultural scheme (Among farming households) | 8% |
| Cycle or scooty or bike from the govt. or money to buy it | 6% |
| Smartphone or laptop from the govt. or money to buy it | 5% |
| Help/money for employment or skill development or starting a business | 4% |
| Govt. scheme for visiting/travelling to religious places | 3% |
| Bill or loan waiver | 2% |

How the question was worded: Have you or your family ever benefited from these schemes in the last five years?

Table 2: Beneficiaries are mainly from rural and marginalised communities

| | Completely free ration | Subsidised ration under PDS | Free or cheap health treatment | Electricity and water free of cost or at cheap rates | Money in bank account under any other govt. scheme | Help/money to build a house or home |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All | 64% | 27% | 21% | 13% | 12% | 11% |
| Poor | 68% | 32% | 20% | 13% | 10% | 10% |
| Lower section | 72% | 28% | 25% | 14% | 11% | 11% |
| Rural | 76% | 35% | 24% | 15% | 13% | 13% |
| Urban | 48% | 16% | 16% | 12% | 10% | 8% |
| SC | 76% | 26% | 23% | 11% | 13% | 19% |
| ST | 89% | 63% | 28% | 12% | 13% | 17% |
| OBC | 69% | 22% | 19% | 12% | 11% | 11% |
| General | 46% | 13% | 17% | 10% | 9% | 5% |

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### SC bans 'two-finger' test on rape survivors

The Bench noted that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had issued guidelines for health providers in cases of sexual violence. "These guidelines have proscribed the application of the two-finger test," the judgment noted.

In the present case, the two-finger test was conducted a decade ago. "But it is regrettable that it [two-finger test] continues even today," the court underscored. The court directed the Centre and the State Governments to ensure that the Ministry's guidelines were followed to the letter. The court ordered that the guidelines be circulated to private and government hospitals. It said workshops should be held for health providers to prevent the test from being conducted on rape survivors. The court said the curriculum in medical schools should be revised. It ordered copies of the judgment to be handed over to the Health Ministry, which should be circulated to the health and home departments of the States. The home departments should circulate the judgment to the Director-Generals of Police. "Any person who conducts the two-finger test in sexual assault cases shall be guilty of misconduct," the court ordered.

# SC tells Centre not to file new sedition cases; govt. re-examining provisions

Appearing before CJI Lalit, the Attorney-General said that "something may happen" in the Winter Session of Parliament; court had ordered freeze of arrests and prosecution under Section 124A

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday asked the government not to register any fresh FIRs under Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which criminalises sedition, even as the government said it is re-examining the colonial provision and "something may happen" in the Winter Session of Parliament.

Appearing before a Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) U.U. Lalit, Attorney-General R. Venkataramani said no "transgressions" were brought to the Centre's notice since the Supreme Court had ordered a complete freeze of arrests and prosecution under Section 124A in an interim order in May.

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> **R. VENKATARAMANI**
> Attorney-General

"There is thinking on the subject and some change may happen before the Winter Session of Parliament. There is no reason to worry now with the interim order in place," Mr. Venkataramani assured..

"When is the Winter Session starting?" Chief Justice Lalit asked Mr. Venkataramani. The top law officer said by January.

The court listed the case for the second week of January. During the hearing, advocate Kaleeswaram Raj said the order had only kept Section 124A in abeyance, the provision needed to be struck down immediately rather than let it occupy space in the statute book indefinitely.

But the Bench said the government would have to abide by the interim order of May which suspended the sedition provision until further orders.

The court through its order in May had deftly protected civil liberties from local police and civil authorities who may continue to use Section 124A regardless of the Union's "re-examination process". The court had orally observed, before the order was passed, that guidelines hardly work at the "ground level" with local police officers and civil authorities.

# SC to examine law depriving undertrials the right to vote

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday decided to examine a petition challenging a provision in the election law that imposes a blanket ban on undertrials, persons confined in civil prisons and convicts serving their sentence in jails from casting their votes.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) U.U. Lalit issued notice to the Union of India, the Union Home Ministry and the Election Commission on a petition filed by Aditya Prasanna Bhattacharya, a student of the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, who said that while convicts out on bail could vote, undertrials, whose innocence or guilt has not been conclusively determined, and those confined in civil persons were deprived of their right to vote.

Mr. Bhattacharya, represented by advocate Zoheb Hossain, argued that Section 62(5) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, mandates that "no person shall vote at any election if he is confined in a prison, whether under a sentence of imprisonment or transportation or otherwise, or is in the lawful custody of the police". Mr. Hossain contended that the provision arbitrarily, through the use of "broad language", disenfranchises a large segment of the population.

The petition said that "denying penitentiary inmates the right to vote is more likely to send messages that undermine respect for the law and democracy than messages that enhance those values... Denying the right to vote does not comply with the requirements for legitimate punishment".

The right to vote is a constitutional right under Article 326.

# Police search houses of *The Wire's* editors

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police on Monday conducted searches at the residences of editors of the news portal *The Wire* in connection with a first information report (FIR) lodged against the organisation for "defaming" BJP IT cell chief Amit Malviya through a series of now-retracted stories on Meta, the parent company of Facebook, officers said.

Special Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Ravindra Singh Yadav said searches were conducted at the residences of founding editors Siddharth Varadarjan, M.K. Venu and Sidharth Bhatia, and deputy news editor Jahnvi Sen.

The Crime Branch team also searched the office of the news portal and seized "relevant devices".

A senior police officer said mobile phones and other electronic devices required for the investigation had been seized from the journalists, and that they would be questioned in connection with the contents in the devices.

The development comes a day after an FIR was lodged against the news portal on the basis of a complaint filed by Mr. Malviya, who alleged that the portal published a "fabricated" news story in which it was alleged that the BJP leader had special privileges given to him by Meta to take down social media posts.

*The Wire* later retracted the stories and issued a public apology. The case was lodged against them under sections pertaining to cheating and forgery of the IPC. Delhi Police PRO Suman Nalwa said that investigation in the case was ongoing and no arrests had been made so far.

# MHA allows 2 District Collectors in Gujarat to grant citizenship

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) empowered the District Collectors of two more districts in Gujarat – Mehsana and Anand – to grant citizenship certificates to the members of Hindu, Sikh, Parsi, Christian, Buddhist and Jain communities from Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh.

This is not the first-time the magistrates or collectors have been delegated such powers by the MHA. Similar orders were issued in 2016, 2018 and 2021 empowering District Magistrates in several districts of Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Punjab to grant citizenship certificates to migrants from the six communities who entered India on valid documents. The notification is not related to the contentious Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) that is yet to come into effect. The CAA passed in 2019 seeks to grant citizenship to the six undocumented communities who came to India till December 2014.

The only way the CAA could have helped the legal minority migrants is in fast-tracking their applications as it reduces the mandatory requirement of stay in India to five years.

The notification said that the application should be made online and and the verification shall be done by the Collector at the district level and forwarded to Central agencies.

# 'Had Sardar Patel been the first PM, many problems wouldn't have arisen'

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Monday that many believed that if Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had been the first Prime Minister, the country would not have faced many problems.

Mr. Shah was addressing the students of the prestigious Sardar Patel Vidyalaya on the 147th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel, the first Home Minister.

Amit Shah flagging off a 'Run for Unity' on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary in Delhi on Monday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Mr. Shah said many attempts were made to erase the legacy of Sardar Patel and he was one of the leaders who never worked on promoting himself.

India's map would not have been the same had it not been for Sardar Patel, as he ensured the peaceful integration of more than 500 princely states and that of Lakshwadeep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Junagadh, Hyderabad and even Kashmir, Mr. Shah said. He also asked the students to study the life of Sardar Patel to understand his ideals.

Quoting former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill who said that India would disintegrate and collapse once the British left the country, Mr. Shah said the former Prime Minister had been proven wrong as Sardar Patel wanted to instil grassroots democracy, and in the past 75 years, the country had made great strides and recently became the fifth largest economy in the world.

He said that despite ill health and failing lungs, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel used to work late hours and signed the Instrument of Accession with the Junagadh kingdom at 4.20 a.m.

Many people would not know that the first Home Minister played a key role in framing the Constitution of the country as he was the one who urged Bhimrao Ambedkar to take up the responsibility, Mr. Shah said.

Mr. Shah also expressed his condolences to the families of those who died in Gujarat's Morbi suspension bridge collapse on Sunday, saying the entire country was saddened by the tragic accident in which many children also lost their lives.

# Lula defeats Bolsonaro in presidential race

**Reuters**
SAO PAULO/BRASILIA

Brazilian leftist leader Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva narrowly defeated President Jair Bolsonaro in a run-off election, but the far-right incumbent did not concede defeat on Sunday, raising concerns that he might contest the result.

The Supreme Electoral Court declared Mr. Lula the next President, with 50.9% of votes against 49.1% for Mr. Bolsonaro. The inauguration is scheduled for January 1.

It was a stunning comeback for the former President and a punishing blow to Mr. Bolsonaro, the first Brazilian incumbent to lose a presidential race.

"So far, Bolsonaro has not called me to recognise my victory, and I don't know if he will call or if he will recognise my victory," Mr. Lula told tens of thousands of jubilant supporters celebrating his win on Sao Paulo's Paulista Ave.

In contrast to Mr. Bolsonaro's silence, congratulations for Mr. Lula poured in from foreign leaders, U.S. President Joe Biden, Russian President Vladimir Putin, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, French President Emmanuel Macron, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The vote was a rebuke for the fiery far-right populism of Mr. Bolsonaro, who emerged from the back benches of Congress to forge a novel conservative coalition but lost support as Brazil ran up one of the worst death tolls of the coronavirus pandemic.

# Affiliation not necessary for unrecognised madrasas to continue functioning: Jamiat

**Ziya Us Salam**
NEW DELHI

Unrecognised madrasas do not need to be affiliated with the Madrasa Education Board in various States to continue functioning, according to the Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind.

Unrecognised madrasas have been the subject of much discussion following the Uttar Pradesh government's decision to carry out a survey of all such institutions. "We do not need government aid for our mosques and madrasas, and there is no need for madrasas to get affiliated with any government board for obtaining aid," said Arshad Madani, president, Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind. His remarks came following a meeting of nearly 6,000 representatives of unrecognised madrasas from all over India at Darul Uloom, Deoband. The meeting included nearly 4,500 delegates from Uttar Pradesh alone.

Muslim clerics attending a conference convened by Darul Uloom Deoband in Saharanpur on Sunday. PTI

Over 90% of unrecognised madrasas in north and central India follow the Deoband syllabus. The Darul Uloom management, which had opposed the survey, later supported a limited survey about the madrasas' ownership and finances. Most of these institutions survive on community funding.

"The doors of madrasas are open to everyone. There is nothing to hide inside them. The Constitution of the country under Article 30(1) has given us the right to establish and run our own educational institutions. Rather than defying the government, we are helping in the development of the nation by spreading literacy among the poor," Mr. Madani said.

"The responsibility of religion rests on the shoulders of religious personalities. Imams, muezzins, muftis and quazis are products of madrasas who serve in various religious affairs of Muslims, just like priests and pujaris in temples and matters of marriage, death etc.," Mr. Madani added.

# Denied microphone, access to Drass Dak house in Ladakh: Omar

**The Hindu Bureau**
SRINAGAR

National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah said that on Monday he had been denied permission to use a microphone at a workers' function and was unable to stay at the Drass Dak Bungalow during his Ladakh tour.

"The microphone was removed from our small workers' meeting in Drass and the Dak Bungalow was sealed. In fact, the SDM (Sub Divisional Magistrate) was personally monitoring our activities," he told *The Hindu*.

This was the second time Mr. Abdullah was touring Ladakh, which was carved out as a separate UT from J&K. "It shows how shaky the administration is about its own decision to split J&K into two Union Territories. We had no plan for any public gathering or procession and even then they resort to petty acts like mike snatching. Secondly, it shows how poor they are at basic hospitality," he said.

# Bappi Lahiri classic turns anthem for millions of locked down Chinese

**Ananth Krishnan**
BEIJING

"Give me rice [*Jie mi*], give me rice [*jie mi*]!" they sing, holding up empty pots in front of the camera. Some are even dressed in Indian sarees or kurtas.

For millions of Chinese confined to their apartments in recent days, a song familiar to many in India has become both an unlikely comfort and a release valve to express their growing frustration over their government's harsh COVID-19 lockdowns.

Over the weekend, "*Jie mi, jie mi*" ("Give me rice, give me rice"), sung to the tune of the Bappi Lahiri and Parvati Khan classic '*Jimmy, Jimmy, Aaja, Aaja*' from the 1982 film *Disco Dancer*, has become an anthem for millions of Chinese who remain locked down in their homes amid a surge in COVID-19 cases.

China reported 2,675 cases on October 30, up by more than 802 from the previous day, a low number for many countries but for a government that is still pursuing a stringent "zero-COVID" policy, a cause for alarm.

The rise in cases has sparked a string of lockdowns in many Provinces. In China's lockdowns, residents cannot leave their apartments and are reliant on government handouts or online orders. In many cities, including Shanghai, this year, lockdowns on transport led to supply chain disruptions and food shortages. This explains why "Give me rice!" (*Jie mi*) has now gone viral on Chinese social media.

Clips of thousands of users singing the song on Douyin (as TikTok is called in China) have been viewed millions of times this past weekend.

The clips went viral just as lockdowns were imposed in dozens of cities from Heilongjiang Province in the north and Henan in central China to Guangdong and Hunan in the south.

Videos this weekend showed thousands of workers fleeing a factory owned by Foxconn in Zhengzhou, Henan, home to one of the largest iPhone assembly plants in the world, as employees feared a lockdown. Some climbed over walls with their suitcases and walked for miles on highways, as public transport had been stopped by authorities.

Clips by thousands of Douyin users have gone viral. DOUYIN

## IN BRIEF

### 7 members of same family killed in Morbi bridge collapse

Seven members of the Jadeja family were among those killed in the bridge collapse in Morbi on Sunday. They were returning from a temple and decided to visit the suspension bridge, a local tourist attraction that had reopened after repairs. "They were on the bridge when it collapsed," said Kanaksinh Jadeja, a cousin of the two Jadeja brothers – Pratapsinh and Pradyumansinh – who lost their mother, wives and four children. The siblings first rushed to the site of the disaster but they could not find any of their family members, said their cousin. They then went to a government-run civil hospital where they found their mother's body around 10 p.m. The bodies of their wives and the children, aged between five and 10, were brought to the hospital later in the night. They were cremated on Monday. Narendrasinh Jadeja, a friend of Mr. Pratapsinh, described the Jadejas as a contented and close-knit family. "I cannot express how angry and helpless I am feeling," he said. Reuters

### 12 relatives of Rajkot MP among those killed in tragedy

Mohan Kundariya, Lok Sabha member from Rajkot, on Monday said 12 of his relatives were among those killed in the suspension bridge collapse in Morbi town of Gujarat. They had gone to visit the picnic spot on Sunday when the tragedy took place, the BJP MP said. Mr. Kundariya said the 12 victims from his family comprised five children, four women and three men, all close relatives of his elder brother. "Four daughters of my elder brother's brother-in-law, husbands of three of them and five children were killed in the accident," he said. "I reached here half-an-hour after the incident took place and have been at the spot, helping in the rescue work," he said, and added that strict action will be taken against those responsible. PTI

# Municipality permit not sought before ill-fated bridge was reopened: officials

Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds review meeting and directs officials that all possible assistance be provided to families affected by the tragedy

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

Municipal officials of Morbi in Gujarat have alleged that no permission was sought from the civic body for reopening the suspension bridge that collapsed on Sunday.

It has emerged that after the renovation by the private contractor Oreva Group, no safety audit was conducted.

With the reopening marked by a gala ceremony, it is unlikely that the event did not come to the notice of the administration which, according to Opposition party leaders, should have put a stop to any use of the bridge without requisite permissions.

"The Chief Minister is also the Urban Development Minister of the State and this is under his jurisdiction, so he must be sacked immediately," Congress leader Pawan Khera told presspersons in Ahmedabad.

**Scouring for life:** Rescue personnel conducting search operations after the suspension bridge collapsed in Morbi town of Gujarat on Sunday. AFP

**No clarity**

It is unclear how the Oreva Group managed to get the contract to maintain a historic bridge that required special expertise and attention given its age and the extensive damage it had suffered in an earthquake in 2001.

The Gujarat government has made no statement on the issue and no statement was forthcoming from the Oreva Group from Morbi or from its corporate office in Ahmedabad. Its main promoter, Jaisukh Patel, was not reachable. The police have arrested two senior managers of the firm.

**Neither the Gujarat government nor the Oreva Group has made a statement on the maintenance of the bridge**

Meanwhile, the tragedy remained the focal point of political developments on Monday with Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing condolences in a choked speech in three political events in the State. The Prime Minister is scheduled to visit the site and will likely meet the families of victims on Tuesday afternoon.

**Roadshow cancelled**

On Monday, he first attended the celebrations of National Ekta Diwas at the Statue of Unity in Kevadia, then launched some development projects at Tharad and also inaugurated projects of the Railways in Ahmedabad.

The Prime Minister's roadshow in Ahmedabad was cancelled in the wake of the tragedy in Morbi.

Mr. Modi also held a review meeting at the Raj Bhavan in Gandhinagar and directed officials that all possible assistance be provided to families affected by the tragedy. The meeting was attended by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi, Chief Secretary Pankaj Kumar and Gujarat Director-General of Police Ashish Bhatia, along with other top officials.

Top Congress leaders, including Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, visited Morbi to meet the families of the victims and demanded strong action against those who had been negligent.

*(With PTI inputs)*

## Congress demands judicial probe into collapse

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday demanded a judicial inquiry into the suspension bridge collapse at Morbi in Gujarat, saying *prima facie* it seems to be a case of "criminal negligence and gross misgovernance".

Mr. Kharge, however, refused to get into a blame game and "politicise" the tragedy. He urged the Gujarat government to ensure proper treatment to the injured and adequate financial assistance to the families of those who died.

The Congress chief also said that he had requested Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who is also the party's senior poll observer, to visit the site.

Mr. Kharge said the reasons for the collapse, including the quality of construction, should be found out as the more than 100-year-old suspension bridge was reopened only five days ago after repair and renovation.

"There should be an inquiry headed by a retired Supreme Court or High Court judge," he said.

Our hearts are with India. Jill and I send our deepest condolences to families who lost loved ones...

JOE BIDEN
U.S. PRESIDENT

We have taken note of what happened and mourn for the loss of lives and extend sympathies to the bereaved families

ZHAO LIJIAN
CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY

The govt. and people of Sri Lanka join me in extending deepest condolences

RANIL WICKREMESINGHE
SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT

# S.P. making excuses due to fear of losing byelection, says Adityanath

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Campaigning for the Gola Gokarnnath Assembly byelection reached its climax on Monday, with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressing a rally in support of BJP candidate Aman Giri. The Chief Minister alleged the Samajwadi Party (SP) had begun "making excuses" out of fear of defeat.

The campaign in the past two days has seen the top leadership of both the BJP and the SP taking potshots at each other.

"The Samajwadi Party has already begun making excuses out of fear of losing the election. Earlier, they used to blame the EVM [electronic voting machine]. Now, they are saying that we are trying to forcibly win the election. They must know that elections are won with public support. The one who lives up to the expectations of the voters will win," Mr. Adityanath said.

The byelection was necessitated by the death of sitting BJP MLA Arvind Giri, who died of a cardiac arrest in September. The saffron party has fielded Aman Giri, 26, the son of the deceased MLA, as its candidate. The SP has given ticket to former MLA Vinay Tiwari, who represented the constituency from 2012 to 2017.

**Election fever:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressing a public meeting in Lakhimpur Kheri on Monday. PTI

**Electoral test**

The byelection, the first electoral test for the newly appointed BJP State president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary and general secretary (organisation) Dharampal, has resulted in the BJP deputing to the campaign dozen of Ministers and MLAs, apart from the organisation's rank and file. On the other hand, the SP is running a relatively silent voter campaign focused on door-to-door outreach led by the party's second-rung leaders.

The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Congress, the other two major parties in U.P., are not contesting the bypoll.

SP chief and former U.P. Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav has alleged that police personnel from the Yadav community were being identified and sent on forced leave.

"Giving notice of Section 110 to Samajwadi [Party] candidate is against the dignity of fair election. Forty BJP Ministers are present in the area with their security and spreading terror. In particular, Yadav police personnel are being identified and sent on forced leave. Government employees are participating in the election meetings of the BJP candidate. With the situation created by the BJP in the byelections, how will fair and free elections be held? Therefore, the Election Commission should immediately take cognisance of complaints and take effective action," Mr. Yadav said in a statement.

The Gola Gokarnnath constituency in Lakhimpur Kheri district was formed after the 2008 delimitation. In the first poll held in 2012 after delimitation, Mr. Tiwari defeated the deceased Arvind Giri, who was then a Congress nominee. Subsequently, Arvind Giri joined the BJP and emerged victorious in the 2017 and 2022 Assembly elections, defeating Mr. Tiwari.

# Chirag is already in BJP, so good that he is campaigning for its candidates, says Nitish

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Days after Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) leader Chirag Paswan announced that he would campaign for the BJP candidates in the Bihar Assembly byelections, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday said it was not unexpected.

"He is already in the BJP so it's good for him to campaign in favour of their candidates," Mr. Kumar said.

The Chief Minister recalled, "Who had put up candidates on LJP ticket against us in the last Assembly poll? It was BJP. When our party men worked on it, this had come to light, so once again we came back to *mahagathbandhan* (grand alliance)."

"*Ab isko badhawa dena hai* (now, we have to promote him)," Mr. Kumar said, pointing towards Rashtriya Janata Dal leader and Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav who was standing beside him.

Mr. Paswan on Saturday said he would campaign for the BJP candidates from the Mokama and Gopalganj seats. On Monday, he held a roadshow in Mokama in favour of BJP candidate Sonam Devi.

"He [Chirag Paswan] is a child...how much respect I've given to his father [the late Ram Vilas Paswan], not only respect but had even supported him in earlier days," Mr. Kumar said.

## 'Move to set up uniform civil code panel unacceptable'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board has criticised the move by the governments of Uttarakhand and Gujarat to set up committees on a uniform civil code and termed it "unacceptable". "The move of the Uttarakhand and Gujarat government is unacceptable not just to Muslims but all minorities besides millions of Scheduled Tribes," Khalid Saifullah Rehmani, general secretary, AIMPLB, said.

# Throw BJP govt. out of power in Himachal, Priyanka urges voters

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday urged the people in Himachal Pradesh not to fall for the 'hollow promises' of the BJP, and asked them to throw the party's government out of power in the Assembly election slated for November 12.

Addressing a public rally at Mandi, she accused the ruling government of failing to keep its previous promises to the people.

She said that under the BJP regime, people were adversely suffering due to price rise, Goods and Services Tax, and other anti-people decisions. "In Himachal, around 63,000 government positions are lying vacant but not being filled by the government. I promise that once Congress is in power, in the first Cabinet meeting the decision on filling one lakh government jobs will be made. What we [the Congress] promise, we fulfil that," she said.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur hit out at the Congress at a rally, alleging that the previous Congress governments looted Himachal Pradesh.

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## INBRIEF

### Trinamool has scant regard for judiciary, alleges Rijiju

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Monday hit back at West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for her remarks that democratic powers are being seized by a "section of people", saying her Trinamool Congress has established 'Rule by TMC law' replacing the 'Rule of Law'. Urging the judiciary and leaders in different fields to "save democracy", Ms. Banerjee said at a programme in Kolkata on Sunday that if this trend continues, then a day will come when a Presidential form of government will be brought in the country. Taking to Twitter post midnight, Mr. Rijiju said, "Mamata didi is telling the truth about West Bengal because TMC party has scant regard for the judiciary and no respect for the judges." PTI

### Andaman gang-rape: ex-Chief Secretary grilled for third day

A Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Andaman and Nicobar Police for the third day on Monday grilled former Chief Secretary Jitendra Narain in connection with the alleged gang-rape of a 21-year-old woman, officials said. Members of the BJP's women wing Mahila Morcha staged protests, holding black flags and placards, at the main and rear entrances of Police Lines, where Mr. Narain is being questioned, and raised slogans against the former Chief Secretary. The SIT was formed to probe the woman's allegation that she was raped by Mr. Narain and others after being lured to the Chief Secretary's residence with the promise of a government job. PTI

### 'Can't provide jobs to all those protesting against job scam'

West Bengal Education Minister Bratya Basu on Monday made it clear that the State government will not provide jobs to every job-seeker who is protesting against the School Service Commission recruitment scam. "It cannot happen that everyone protesting will be given a job. There is no connection between protests and jobs. Appointments are given on merit," he said. Reacting to the Minister's remarks, State BJP spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya said none of the protesters was saying that all of them needed jobs, but the government should provide the merit list and explain why it was tampered with.

### Lucknow court rejects bail plea of Kappan in PMLA case

A Lucknow sessions court on Monday rejected the bail plea of Kerala-based journalist Siddique Kappan in a Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) case lodged by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). The rejection of bail application in the PMLA case means that Mr. Kappan will need to remain in jail despite being granted bail by the Supreme Court in other cases."Siddique Kappan has already been granted bail by the honourable Supreme Court (SC) on September 9 in the predicating offences. Today in the ED case, bail rejection order came without considering the merits as well as the facts of the case," said Mohamed Dhanish K.S., Mr. Kappan's lawyer.

# Decentralise MGNREGS for better implementation, says govt. study

It calls for greater diversification of permissible work; flexibility should be given at the ground level to select the type of work as per broad categories; it also flags delay in fund disbursal and notes that wages were far below the market rate

**Sobhana K. Nair**
NEW DELHI

An internal study commissioned by the Ministry of Rural Development has argued for decentralisation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), allowing for more "flexibility" at the ground level.

The Ministry recently made public the report of the sixth Common Review Mission, which surveyed seven States – Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Nagaland, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh – and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in February to assess the implementation of all rural development schemes, including the MGNREGS.

"There should be a greater diversification of permissible works instead of listing the types of permissible works, the broad categories of works may be listed out and flexibility should be given at ground level to select the type of works as per broad categories," the study noted.

**Need of the hour:** The study also noted that the MGNREGS wages were far below the market rate in many States, defeating the purpose of acting as a safety net. PTI

This is a problem also highlighted by activists and academics working in the field. "In the past few years, the fund management has been centralised instead of paying the gram sabhas an advance enabling them to decide the work they want to undertake. The gram sabhas can take into account the local conditions and the community's requirement instead of chasing a target set for them," said Professor Rajendra Narayanan of Azim Premji University, who co-authored a study on the role of the MGNREGS during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The internal study also flagged the frequent delay in fund disbursal, and to deal with it suggested a "revolving fund that can be utilised whenever there is a delay in the Central funds".

The survey quoted various instances to underline this chronic problem. In Lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh, for example, the surveyors found that because of the delay in the material component, the beneficiaries ended up buying the construction material themselves to complete the projects. In Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat, the delay in wages was by three or four months and the material component by six months.

The study also noted that the MGNREGS wages were far below the market rate in many States, defeating the purpose of acting as a safety net.

At present, the minimum wage of a farm labourer in Gujarat is ₹324.20, but the MGNREGS wage is ₹229. The private contractors pay far more. In Nagaland, the wage is ₹212 per day, which does not take into account the difficult terrain.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the rate is ₹214 per day. This, the study noted, "is lower than what is offered by private contractors which can go up to ₹600-₹700 per day".

## Fake narrative being built to defame State, says Fadnavis

**The Hindu Bureau**
PUNE

The tussle over the alleged flight of industrial investment and big-ticket projects from Maharashtra between the Eknath Shinde government and the Opposition continued with Deputy Chief Minister and BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis on Monday accusing the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) of "creating a fake narrative" and trying to "defame" the State.

"Despite our government being in power for only three months, a fake narrative is being created that industries are fleeing from Maharashtra," Mr. Fadnavis said.

Stressing that the stalled Nanar refinery project would be completed, he said Uddhav Thackeray and his party had no right to comment on investments in the State.

On the Tata-Airbus military aircraft manufacturing project, the Deputy Chief Minister claimed that officials in the consortium had last year apparently complained of the "lack of conducive atmosphere" in the State.

## RSS trade union to hold rally against privatisation

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)-backed trade union, the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), has decided to step up agitation against the Narendra Modi government's policies. Urging the Centre to stop the privatisation of public sector undertakings (PSU) and to regularise the workers on contract in such establishments, the BMS will hold a protest rally on November 17.

"The government's privatisation policy will harm the economic sovereignty, employment potential and the main economic growth," BMS national secretary Girish Chandra Arya said, asking the Centre to rethink the decision to privatise PSUs.

He said the Centre was resorting to "indiscriminate corporatisation in Railways, Defence, ports, postal department, coins and currency".

# Social media can wield their 'algorithm power' to red-flag fake news: CEC

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Inclusive elections truthfully reflect the expression of the collective will of the people and are a hallmark of democracy, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said here on Monday even as he stressed the challenges of social media and their intersection with election management bodies (EMBs).

**Understanding polls:** The Chief Election Commissioner was addressing an international conference in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

The EMBs, the CEC said, expected social media platforms to use their "algorithm power" to proactively red-flag fake news".

His comments came at a two-day international conference on the "Role, framework and capacity of election management bodies" organised by the Election Commission (EC) under the 'Cohort on Election Integrity' led by the Commission and established as a follow-on to the 'Summit for Democracy' held in December last year.

**To preserve freedoms**

Speaking on the pressing challenges before the EMBs today, Mr. Kumar stressed their intersection with social media platforms. "More early or deeper red-flagging of fake news based on known *modus operandi* and genres is not an unfair expectation from the EMBs," he said. Such a proactive approach to counter fake news would facilitate "credible electoral outcomes" that would help preserve "freedoms" which these platforms required to thrive.

He said that free, fair, inclusive, accessible and inducement-free elections, a cornerstone of democratic polity, were a precondition to peace and developmental dividends. These threshold concepts, he said, embody the understanding that sovereignty belongs to and flows from the people of a country.

## Scientists welcome clearance to GM mustard for farming

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**Trials have shown that the variety has a yield advantage of 28% over the mega variety Varuna**

Scientists associated with the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) and the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) have welcomed the recent approval by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change for the environmental release of genetically modified (GM) mustard hybrid for cultivation. Terming the decision a landmark, the scientists said it will break a logjam on the release of GM food crops.

"The GM technology for hybrid seed production developed by the University of Delhi will play an important role in reducing the edible oil import burden and in moving towards self-sufficiency in edible oil production. The decision to release GM mustard will encourage more research and innovations to reduce the environmental footprint of agriculture, develop climate resilient crops, and thereby assure food and nutritional security of the country," scientists Trilochan Mohapatra, R.S. Paroda and K.C. Bansal said at a press conference here on Monday.

They said India had a deficit production of edible oils by almost 55-60% of the total consumption. "In the financial year 2020-21, 13.35 million tonnes of edible oils were imported at a total cost of around ₹1,17,000 crore in foreign exchange." They said trials had shown that the variety had a yield advantage of 28% over the mega variety Varuna and 37% over the zonal checks.

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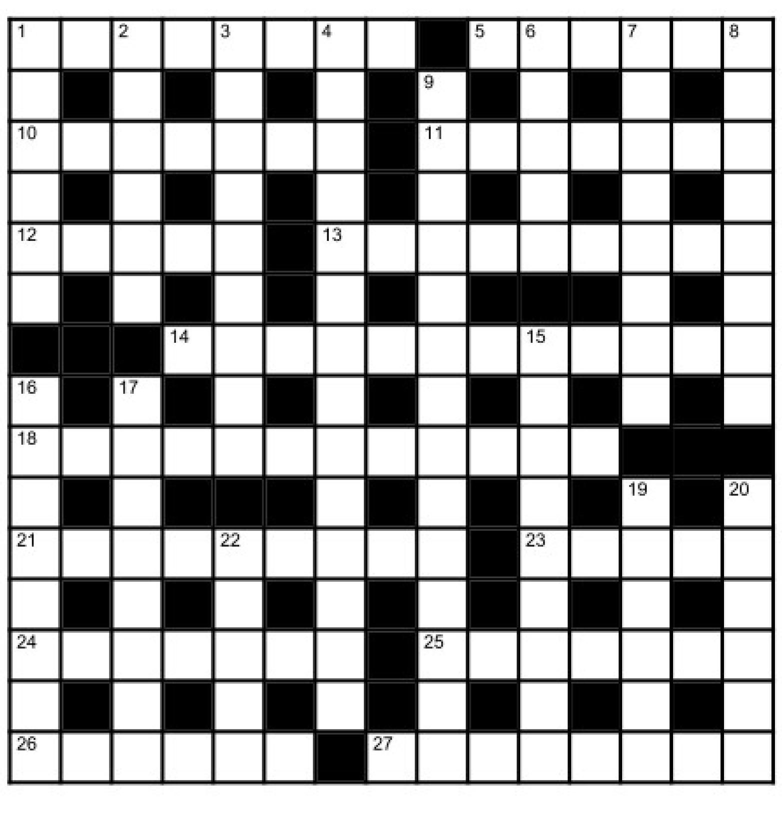

**Across**

1 Spooner's present behind back door of delivery truck (4,4)
5 Swimmer wears Speedo initially at sea (6)
10 Brainy Indian's first exotic rice dish (7)
11 Transport organ (7)
12 Essence of poppadum - a mild, distinct flavour (5)
13 Elon's tips (nothing outrageous) for becoming generous (9)
14 Avoids modelling before easy targets (7,5)
18 Dad's rant for excellence (4,8)
21 Resistance from naughty child touching electronic ball (9)
23 Supply vehicle stopped by flat tyre at rear (5)
24 Boy and girl entertained by a new Disney movie (7)
25 Small company near one old sign (7)
26 Taxes the French bonds (6)
27 State of equilibrium? Anyhow it's say, very boring (8)

**Down**

1 Work of Harry or Balu (6)
2 Section of roof or matching structure (6)
3 Group of seals delights (9)
4 Teaching kids to go inside? (6-8)
6 "About a Boy" includes Hugh's first therapy (5)
7 Short cuts lost without carbon copy at home (8)
8 Introduction to English novel genres inspiring one to perk up (8)
9 Stressed out losing time after ironing gowns (7,7)
15 Board members out of Patna procrastinated terribly (9)
16 Country dog biting husband too (8)
17 Encourage putting time around plot for vegetable (8)
19 Regularly picked up troops in an ideal location (6)
20 Turn weak in drudgery, exhausted and sagging (6)
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## FAITH

### Four golden concepts

Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha are the four golden concepts enshrined in our philosophy to give a good life here in this world and in the world hereafter. The first three are the ways and means and the last one is the end result. Dharma refers to upholding virtuous values such as speaking truth always and treading the path of righteousness. Upanishad says *Satyam Vada, Dharmam Chara* – speak the truth and live in a pious way. Artha refers to earning in righteous manner to sustain a good and contended life. Kama refers to attachment to legitimate desires. It is a comprehensive term. One should not succumb to sensual pleasures. Elders say a person should lead his life like a pearl of water on a lotus leaf – neither dropping down nor getting stuck on the leaf. Impliedly a person should neither get stuck with too much of attachments to the worldly desires nor should runaway shunning his responsibilities of leading the life. Moksha is attaining salvation at the feet of Lord after getting liberated from here.

But then what prevents us from leading a good life? Greediness, anger, jealousy, lust for desire are some of the impediments that entangle a person.

Practically we may encounter certain adversaries in our life, making it difficult and may even prompt us to get strayed. An Acharya said in a discourse that we have to be steadfast even during the time of adversity. The story of Harischandra is worth recalling. He was subjected to untold hardship and was even lured by sage Viswamithra to utter a word of lie. Sun may fail to appear; Moon may fail to glow; Stars may fall down; Ocean may go dry. But Harischandra would never tell lies. The result is obvious.

GENEVA

## UN warns 'sharp' global labour market slowdown is under way

The war raging in Ukraine and other overlapping crises are taking a toll on labour markets worldwide, the UN said, suggesting a "sharp" slowdown was already under way. In a fresh report, the International Labour Organization cautioned that the outlook for global labour markets has deteriorated in recent months. AFP

ABU DHABI

## Saudi and UAE back OPEC cuts as U.S. envoy warns of 'uncertainty'

At Monday's Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference, Saudi Arabia and the UAE defended a decision by OPEC and its allies to cut oil production. Amos Hochstein, the U.S. envoy for energy affairs, took a grim stand saying: "I think at the end of the day, we are facing an economic uncertainty globally". AP

BEIJING

## China launches third and final module for Tiangong space station

China successfully launched the final module of its Tiangong space station on Monday, inching closer to its completion by the end of the year. The module, named Mengtian — or "dreaming of the heavens" — was launched on a Long March 5B rocket from the Wenchang launch centre on China's tropical island Hainan. AFP

WASHINGTON

## Donald Trump asks court to block officials from obtaining tax returns

Former U.S. President Donald Trump asked the Supreme Court to intervene in his fight to prevent a U.S. House of Representatives committee from gaining access to his tax returns for reasons he claims are politically motivated. The fight began in 2019 when the committee sued Mr. Trump to force disclosure of tax returns. AFP

# How Lula made a comeback by beating a sitting President

The leftist Workers Party leader's achievement is something that has never happened in Brazil's 34-year-old democratic history — defeating an incumbent President seeking re-election

NEWS ANALYSIS

Srinivasan Ramani

By winning the direct run-off of the presidential election in Brazil narrowly (by securing just about 50.9% of the votes), Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva achieved what has never happened in the country's 34-year-old democratic history – defeating an incumbent President seeking re-election. President Jair Bolsonaro's defeat should not be a surprise either. After all, he presided over a stumbling economy and exacerbated a severe public health crisis during the pandemic. He also received international disapprobation for rampant deforestation in the Amazon.

Such a fraught legacy should have resulted in an easy triumph for the popular ex-union leader Lula, who was credited with governance that worked toward reducing poverty and fostering economic growth by taking advantage of a booming global commodities market. But Lula also had to work hard to defend his legacy, tarnished by a prison sentence for nearly two years, after being found guilty of corruption in the Car Wash scandal, only to be released from jail after reports revealed collusion between the prosecution and judiciary in the judicial process.

Lula had to also reckon with the continuing support for Mr. Bolsonaro

**Momentous feat:** Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva addressing his supporters in Sao Paulo after the election victory on Sunday. AFP

among conservatives and religiously minded people in Brazil, besides the wrath of the powerful agribusiness lobby which gained the most from Mr. Bolsonaro's rule and his policies on deforestation and whittling down of Indigenous peoples' rights. The strength of these forces is evident in how Lula's lead in votes over Mr. Bolsonaro fell from more than five percentage points in the first round to less than two in the second round. In fact, Mr. Bolsonaro gained votes in all States in Brazil and in the north and south west States in particular, between the two rounds.

Mr. Bolsonaro, also repeatedly sought to undermine the election process by baselessly questioning the integrity of Brazil's electronic voting system, fuelling distrust among his most rabid supporters. As of early Monday, he was yet to concede defeat even as some of his supporters such as a section of truckers sought to block roads. A former military official, Mr. Bolsonaro's appeal stems from his unremitting hostility to the Left and his strident support for the period of military dictatorship in the country, earning him significant support from business communities opposed to redistribution, evangelical Christians opposed to progressive ideologies, and those who disfavoured the social liberal policies of the Workers' Party led by Lula and his successors.

**Negotiation is key**

Unlike Mr. Bolsonaro, who has revelled in political polarisation and demonisation of his opponents, Lula has always sought negotiation as a strategy for incremental progress. A recent biography by John D. French argues as to how Lula's style has always been to utilise dialogue with political opponents without giving up on an ability to "stand up and fight, when needed .. [through] an additive and transformative politics of cunning executed by creating spaces of convergence through difference". This, besides a strong pro-poor orientation and years of experience as a working class leader has endeared him among progressives and large sections of the lower middle class and poor sections of the population.

True to form, Lula's initial speech after declaring victory was to seek unity over division, as he said that he will govern for all Brazilians and "not just for those who voted" for him. This was clearly a message to assuage concerns in a polarised electorate and to seek ways to work with a divided Congress in which Mr. Bolsonaro's Liberal Party is the single largest party and other centrists have sizeable representation.

Bolsonarismo, outside Mr. Bolsanaro, has not done too badly in elections in Brazil recently, with some pro-Bolsonaro candidates winning governorships in States.

Lula's victory also coincides with a second run of the pink tide in Latin America with leftist Presidents elected to power in other neighbouring countries. This time around, most of his counterparts have harped on pushing progressive policies without relying exclusively on commodity extraction and to push for change not through the politics of outright confrontation and institutional capture, but by democratic persuasion and reform. Lula will have his task cut out.

# Russian missile strikes cause power blackouts, leave 80% Kyiv residents without water

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukraine suffered sweeping blackouts and water supplies were cut for 80% of Kyiv residents on Monday after what Ukrainian officials called another "massive" Russian missile attack on energy facilities.

The Ukrainian Army said "more than 50" cruise missiles were launched at targets across the country, days after Russia blamed Ukraine for drone attacks on its fleet in the Black Sea.

The Army said many missiles were shot down by air defences but Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said they had caused power cuts in "hundreds" of areas across seven Ukrainian regions.

**The Ukrainian Army says 'more than 50' cruise missiles were launched at targets across the country**

Several blasts were heard in the capital Kyiv.

The Russian Army confirmed it had carried out cruise missile strikes and said they had all reached their intended targets.

**Missile shot down**

In Moldova, the government said a Russian missile shot down by Ukrainian air defences fell on a village in the north of the country, but without causing any injuries.

Monday's attack comes after Russia pulled out of a landmark agreement that allowed vital grain shipments via a maritime safety corridor.

Despite Russia's decision, two cargo ships loaded with grain and other agricultural products left Ukrainian ports on Monday, according to a marine traffic website.

But Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov warned that continuing grain exports without Russian participation was "hardly feasible".

"It takes on a different character, much more risky, dangerous," he said.

"Civilian cargo ships can never be a military target or held hostage. The food must flow," Amir Abdulla, UN Coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative, said on Twitter.

# China and U.S. discuss bilateral ties, Ukraine war

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi discussed the rivalry between the two superpowers and Russia's war in Ukraine in a call on Sunday, the State Department and Beijing's Foreign Ministry said.

The top diplomats talked about the need to "responsibly manage the competition between our two countries". They also discussed the need for Beijing and Washington to keep open lines of communications and held talks about the war in Ukraine.

Beijing said that Mr. Wang flagged the sanctions by the U.S. on China aimed at limiting its access to high-end semiconductors.

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The Commissioner KUDA Kalaburagi invites tender from the eligible tenderers, for the work of CONSTRUCTION OF CC DRAIN AT PROPOSED HAGARGA DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IN KALABURAGI as per standard tender document KW-4. The tenderers may submit tenders for the work given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) the tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in the instructions to tenders to qualify for the award of the contract and go through the general conditions and technical qualification criteria given in the e-portal.
**Calender of events :**
1) Amount put to tender: **Rs. 11,40,04,278/-**, 2) EMD Amount:Rs. 1.00 Lakh Through e- portal & Rs.14,00,000/- through FDR/B.G/DD. 3) Period of completion: 06 Months, 4) Last date for submission of tender: **16.11.2022 upto 4.00 pm**, 5) Date of opening of Technical Bid : **18.11.2022 @ 4.30 pm**, 6) Date of opening of Financial Bid: **23.11.2022 @ 11.00 am** / After technical bid Approval, 7) Bid Validity Period: 180 days
Further details can be sought from the Assistant Executive Engineer, KUDA Kalaburagi during the office hours.

**Sd/- Commissioner**
**Urban Development Authority Kalaburagi**
DIP/Kalaburagi/782/MC&A/2022-23

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that my client has lost the **Original Gift Deed dated 29-12-1978** registered as **document No. 5927/78-79 in Book-1, Volume No. 1302** at **pages 100 to 102** in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk executed by **Sri. Chikkanna @ Madaiah** in favour of **Smt. M. Malamma** in respect of **site No. 1** carved out in **Sy.No. 60/5** of Sarakki village.

My client had also lodged a **complaint dated 20-07-2006** in this regard before the Police concerned. Inspite of the best efforts same could not be traced.

Therefore it is requested that the general public who ever may find the said original Gift deed or person in possession of the said original document to hand over the same to the undersigned within one week from the date of this publication.

**P. Mahalinga Bhat & Srividya P.M**
**Advocates,**
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DATE : 31-10-2022.

# Iran to hold public trials for 1,000 protesters

Associated Press
DUBAI

Iranian authorities announced they will hold public trials for 1,000 people in the capital, Tehran, over the protests that have convulsed the country. The mass indictments mark the government's first major legal action aimed at quashing dissent since unrest erupted over six weeks ago over the death of Mahsa Amini at the hands of morality police.

Iran's state-run *IRNA* news agency quoted officials as saying that a thousand people who had a central role in the protests would be brought to trial in Tehran alone over their "subversive actions," including assaulting security guards, setting fire to public property and other accusations.

# U.S. plans to deploy B-52s to Australia amid China tensions

Reuters
SYDNEY

The United States is planning to deploy up to six nuclear-capable B-52 bombers to an air base in northern Australia, amid heightened tensions with China.

Dedicated facilities for the bombers will be set up at the Royal Australian Air Force's remote Tindal base, about 300 km south of Darwin, the capital of Australia's Northern Territory.

The development was first reported by the Australian Broadcasting Corp's Four Corners programme, citing U.S. documents.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Australia engages with the United States on defence alliances "from time to time".

The U.S. earlier deployed four B-52s in Guam, a U.S. island territory in the Western Pacific.

Australia's Northern Territory is already host to frequent military collaborations with the U.S.

When asked for a comment at a regular briefing on Monday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said defence and security cooperation between countries should not target third parties.

# Imran Khan to file lawsuit against Pak. election chief

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Imran Khan on Monday targeted the chief of the Election Commission of Pakistan and announced that he will file a Rs. 10 billion defamation suit against him for destroying his reputation by disqualifying him, as the ousted premier addressed his supporters during his long march.

Mr. Khan, 70, was earlier this month disqualified from membership of the current National Assembly by a five-member panel of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), which was headed by its chief Sikandar Sultan Raja.

He alleged that the ECP's decisions were made on the instructions of the incumbent "imported government".

## INBRIEF

### Core sector output grew 7.9% in Sept., fastest in 3 months

Production of eight infrastructure sectors expanded by 7.9% in September – the fastest in three months – on account of a better show by coal, fertiliser, cement and electricity segments, according to official data. The previous high was in June when the output expanded by 13.1%. The production growth of eight infrastructure sectors – coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity – was 9.6% during April-September this fiscal, compared with 16.9% a year earlier. PTI

### Sundaram HF increases interest rates on deposits

Sundaram Home Finance Ltd. (SHFL) has increased interest rates on deposits effective Tuesday. The company will pay 8% per annum on five-year deposits by senior citizens and Trusts. On three- and four-year deposits, the rates have been increased to 7.65% and 7.9% respectively, SHFL said. For individuals other than senior citizens, the interest rates have been increased to 6.65%, 7%, 7.30%, 7.55% and 7.65% on one- to five-year deposits, respectively.

### Data Patterns Q2 standalone net profit jumps 63% to ₹21 cr.

Data Patterns India Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the second quarter ended September jumped 63% to ₹21 crore from the year-earlier period on improved sales. Revenue from operations rose 49% to ₹88 crore despite a 155% increase in raw material cost to ₹47 crore, the vertically integrated defence and aerospace electronics solutions provider said in a regulatory filing. As on date, the company said it had ₹884 crore of orders on hand.

# India H1 fiscal deficit touches ₹6.2 lakh cr., tax receipts rise

April-September deficit touches 37.3% of full-year estimate as the Union government increases spending on fertiliser, food and fuel subsidies over the first six months of the current fiscal year

**Reuters**
NEW DELHI

India's fiscal deficit in the first half of the financial year rose to ₹6.2 lakh crore, from ₹5.27 lakh crore a year earlier, though rising tax collections helped offset a higher subsidy bill.

The fiscal deficit for the April to September period touched 37.3% of annual estimates, official data showed, as the Centre spent more on fertiliser, food and fuel subsidies.

Net tax collections rose to ₹10.12 lakh crore, about 10% higher than a year before, helping the government despite growing fears of a shortfall in receipts from the sale of stakes in state-run firms this year.

**Tax take buoys:** Net tax collections rose about 10%, helping the Centre despite growing fears of a shortfall in asset sales receipts. PTI

The Union government's spending bill is expected to rise by almost ₹2 lakh crore this fiscal, according to several economists' estimates, on higher allocations for subsidies, stretching the fiscal deficit.

However, a rise in goods and services tax receipts helped by a pick-up in urban demand and higher inflation could help to meet the budgeted fiscal deficit target, they said.

Total expenditure for the first six months was ₹18.24 lakh crore, compared with ₹16.26 lakh crore, data showed.

In February, while presenting the annual budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman set the fiscal deficit target at 6.4% of gross domestic product for 2022/23, compared with 6.7% in the previous year.

The Centre aims to spend almost ₹40 lakh crore this fiscal, up about 4% from the previous year but down in real terms due to the near 7% inflation.

## RBI's digital rupee pilot for wholesale starts today

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

The first pilot for the digital rupee, wholesale segment (e₹-W) will commence on November 1, the Reserve Bank of India said.

"The use case for this pilot is settlement of secondary market transactions in government securities," the RBI said. "Use of e₹-W is expected to make the inter-bank market more efficient. Settlement in central bank money would reduce transaction costs by pre-empting the need for settlement guarantee infrastructure or for collateral to mitigate settlement risk.

"Going forward, other wholesale transactions, and cross-border payments will be the focus of future pilots," it added.

## MARKETS

### MARKET WATCH

| | MONDAY | %CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 60,747 | 1.31 |
| US Dollar | 82.81 | -0.41 |
| Gold | 50,612 | -0.54 |
| Brent oil | 94.74 | – |

### NIFTY 50

| | PRICE | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Adani Enter | 3347.45 | 24.15 |
| Adani Ports | 823.55 | 3.25 |
| Apollo Hosp | 4517.50 | -49.50 |
| Asian Paints | 3107.70 | 54.30 |
| Axis Bank | 906.00 | 2.95 |
| Bajaj Auto | 3671.85 | 1.15 |
| Bajaj Finserv | 1687.50 | 34.10 |
| Bajaj Finance | 7144.10 | 137.25 |
| Bharti Airtel | 832.00 | 15.15 |
| BPCL | 303.65 | 0.35 |
| Britannia Ind | 3766.55 | -11.15 |
| Cipla | 1167.40 | 12.20 |
| Coal India | 245.95 | 1.55 |
| Divis Lab | 3608.90 | 61.40 |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 4433.70 | -26.25 |
| Eicher Motors | 3850.45 | 104.70 |
| Grasim Ind | 1721.70 | 37.50 |
| HCL Tech | 1041.15 | 11.15 |
| HDFC | 2469.80 | 69.35 |
| HDFC Bank | 1496.70 | 38.00 |
| HDFC Life | 540.45 | 10.35 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 2676.85 | 27.00 |
| Hindalco | 405.65 | 0.70 |
| Hind Unilever | 2550.70 | 26.45 |
| ICICI Bank | 908.70 | 0.85 |
| IndusInd Bank | 1142.65 | -4.35 |
| Infosys | 1537.65 | 24.40 |
| ITC | 348.70 | 2.90 |
| JSW Steel | 673.95 | 3.55 |
| Kotak Bank | 1901.95 | 17.70 |
| L&T | 2023.10 | 48.05 |
| M&M | 1348.60 | 36.95 |
| Maruti Suzuki | 9527.60 | 35.05 |
| NestleIndia | 20363.40 | 80.95 |
| NTPC | 173.10 | -0.95 |
| ONGC | 134.05 | 0.35 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 228.15 | 1.35 |
| Reliance Ind | 2549.60 | 23.45 |
| SBI Life | 1265.95 | 13.15 |
| State Bank | 573.80 | 3.05 |
| Sun Pharma | 1016.90 | 26.90 |
| TataConsumerProduct | 770.15 | 8.80 |
| Tata Motors | 412.75 | 2.85 |
| Tata Steel | 101.55 | -0.05 |
| TCS | 3193.15 | 29.90 |
| Tech Mahindra | 1063.40 | 14.45 |
| Titan | 2761.50 | 25.10 |
| UltraTech Cement | 6714.95 | 269.10 |
| UPL | 730.20 | 16.30 |
| Wipro | 386.55 | 3.30 |

### EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 31

| CURRENCY | TT BUY | TT SELL |
|---|---|---|
| US Dollar | 82.58 | 82.90 |
| Euro | 82.04 | 82.39 |
| British Pound | 95.34 | 95.72 |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 55.59 | 55.82 |
| Chinese Yuan | 11.32 | 11.36 |
| Swiss Franc | 82.55 | 82.90 |
| Singapore Dollar | 58.35 | 58.58 |
| Canadian Dollar | 60.47 | 60.73 |
| Malaysian Ringitt | 17.46 | 17.54 |
| Australian Dollar | 52.85 | 53.07 |

Source:Indian Bank

## Tata Steel Q2 net plunges 89% to ₹1,297 crore as realisations drop

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

Tata Steel Ltd. reported consolidated net profit for the second quarter slumped 89% to ₹1,297 crore as a surge in input costs shrank realisations across geographies.

Consolidated revenue slid to ₹59,878 crore from ₹60,387 crore. Net debt stood at ₹71,753 crore.

The India business profit after tax tumbled 77% to ₹1,993 crore, as turnover

decreased to ₹34,114 crore, from ₹34,324 crore.

Deliveries in India, however, rose 7% year-on-year.

In Europe, deliveries slid on a sequential basis, in part due to seasonal factors and subdued demand in the region. Turnover was £2,307 million.

"Concerns about slowdown in key economies, persisting geopolitical issues coupled with seasonal factors led to a volatile operating environment," said T. V. Narendran, CEO & MD. "Despite the headwinds, Tata Steel registered the best-ever domestic sales in India enabled by a strong product portfolio and an extensive distribution network," he noted.

## FY24 growth to beat IMF projections: CEA

**Press Tust of India**
NEW DELHI

Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran said India is expected to clock better growth than the IMF's projections for next year aided by enhanced capital formation.

Recently, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) projected 6.8% real growth for this year and 6.1% for next year for India.

"I think, in fact, the growth rates for the coming years may be slightly more, slightly better than what these numbers are, because I think there is a possibility that India's capital formation cycle will do better after one decade of retrenchment," he said.

India's public digital infrastructure had probably crossed an inflection point and would contribute to formalisation of the economy and higher growth, he noted, adding that there could be 0.5-0.8% addition to the 6% baseline number.

## L&T Q2 net rises 23% to ₹2,229 cr. as all major units log higher profit

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

Larsen & Toubro Ltd.'s (L&T) second-quarter consolidated profit after tax grew 23% to ₹2,229 crore as all major segments reported higher profit.

Revenue rose 23% to ₹42,763 crore with execution tailwinds in the Infrastructure Projects segment and sustained growth momentum in the IT&TS portfolio, the company said.

International revenue at ₹15,473 crore constituted 36% of the total revenue.

The company recorded orders worth ₹ 51,914 crore

R. Shankar Raman

at the group level during the quarter, up 23% over the year-earlier period.

IT & Technology Services (IT&TS) segment recorded a revenue of ₹10,151 crore, registering a year-on-year growth of 29%.

"The Indian economy is doing relatively well and is expected to continue its growth momentum, albeit at a slower pace than earlier anticipated," Wholetime director and CFO R. Shankar Raman said.

"High inflation, coupled with the threat of an adverse BoP amid the increasing uncertain global economic environment are possible headwinds to the country's growth trajectory," he said.

"Large value private sector investments, that was set for a major revival, may get delayed due to the persisting geopolitical and global economic turbulence."

## 'Debt MFs log ₹65,372-crore outflow in September'

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

Debt funds focused on investing in fixed-income securities witnessed an outflow of ₹65,372 crore in September amid increasing interest rate cycle and redemptions by corporates to pay advance tax.

This comes following a net inflow of ₹49,164 crore in August, as per data available with Association of Mutual Funds in India. Out of the 16 fixed-income or debt fund categories, 12 witnessed net outflows.

## Bharti Q2 net surges 89% to ₹2,145 cr. on subscribers, ARPU

**Reuters**
BENGALURU

Bharti Airtel Ltd., India's No.2 telecom carrier by subscribers, reported a bigger-than-expected increase in second-quarter revenue helped by 4G subscriber additions and higher revenue per user. That lifted net profit 89% to ₹2,145 crore.

Consolidated revenue from operations rose almost 22% to ₹34,527 crore in the three months ended September 30.

Analysts, on average, were expecting a revenue of ₹33,921 crore, according

to Refinitiv IBES data.

Bharti said revenue from India mobile services, which has 328 million subscribers, rose almost 25% to ₹18,958 crore. Its 4G data customers rose by 5 million from the previous quarter to 210 million.

Bharti Airtel's average revenue per user (ARPU), a key performance indicator for telecom firms, was ₹190, clocking a 3.8% sequential rise and a roughly 24% year-on-year increase.

Earlier this month, market leader Reliance Jio said its ARPU rose just under 1% sequentially to ₹177.2.

Bharti's net profit climbed from ₹1,134 crore a year earlier, but missed analysts' estimates of ₹2,467 crore. Expenses surged by 16.7%. The company said mobile data consumption surged by 19.6%, with consumption per mobile data customer at 20.3 GB per month.

## OPEC raises oil demand view, calls for investment

**Reuters**
ABU DHABI

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) raised its forecasts for world oil demand in the medium- and longer-term in an annual outlook on Monday and said $12.1 trillion of investment is needed to meet this despite the energy transition.

The view contrasts with other forecasters who see oil demand reaching a plateau before 2030 due to rise of renewable energy and electric cars.

# Sport

## Verstappen claims record 14th win

**Agence France-Presse**
MEXICO CITY

Red Bull's Max Verstappen claimed a record 14th victory of the Formula One season by winning the Mexico Grand Prix on Sunday. Verstappen finished a comfortable 15.186s ahead of Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes while Red Bull's Sergio Perez finished third on home soil.

It was the second win inside a week for Dutchman Verstappen, who also triumped at the United States GP in Austin. Verstappen has now beaten the record previously held by Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel for most wins in a single season.

George Russell finished fourth for Mercedes, but clocked the fastest lap

**Invincible!** Verstappen celebrates the Mexico victory. AFP

ahead of the Ferraris of Carlos Sainz and Charles Leclerc.

Verstappen reported his soft tyres were deteriorating shortly before Perez pitted after 23 laps to switch from soft to medium compounds, but his stop was hampered by a sticky rear wheel change and took five seconds. He re-joined sixth.

Two laps later, Verstappen came in and out in 2.5 seconds, passing the lead to Hamilton, who was 5.5 seconds clear of Russell as the Dutchman re-joined third behind him.

Hamilton came in on lap 30 to switch to hards and re-joined third, Russell taking over as leader until lap 35, when he also pitted to take hard tyres. He came back in fourth and the leading group were back as they had been.

**The results:** 1. Verstappen (Red Bull) 1:38:36.729s; 2. Hamilton (Mercedes) +15.186s; 3. Perez (Red Bull) +18.097s; 4. Russell (Mercedes) +49.431s; 5. Sainz (Ferrari) +58.123s; 6. Leclerc (Ferrari) +68.774s; **+1 lap:** 7. Ricciardo (McLaren); 8. Ocon (Alpine); 9. Norris (McLaren); 10. Bottas (Alfa Romeo); 11. Gasly (AlphaTauri); 12. Albon (Williams); 13 Guanyu (Alfa Romeo); 14. Vettel (Aston Martin); 15. Stroll (Aston Martin); 16. Mick Schumacher (Haas); 17. Magnussen (Haas); **+2 laps:** 18. Latifi (Williams); DNF: Alonso (Alpine), Tsunoda (AlphaTauri).

**Standings (top-5): Drivers:** 1. Verstappen (416 points); 2. Perez (280); 3. Leclerc (275); 4. Russell (231); 5. Hamilton (216).

**Constructors:** 1. Red Bull 696; 2. Ferrari 487; 3. Mercedes 447; 4. Alpine 153; 5. McLaren 146.

## KRSA felicitates state's medal winners

**Ashwin Achal**
BENGALURU

Young talent Tilottama Sen was among the shooters from the State felicitated by Karnataka State Rifle Association (KSRA) at Karnataka Olympic Bhavan here on Monday.

Tilottama, 14, had won an individual bronze and team gold medals in the 10m air rifle junior women's event in the recent ISSF World Shooting Championship held at Cairo (Egypt). The teenager also won an individual silver at the 2022 National Games.

Meghana Sajjanar (10m air rifle team bronze, ISSF World Shooting Championship), T.S. Divya (10m air rifle individual bronze, National Games) and Srijay Ranjan (10m air rifle team gold and individual silver

**Proud moment:** Shooters Srijay, Divya, Meghana and Tilottama earned recognition for their exploits. K. MURALI KUMAR

medal, 2019 Asian Shooting Championship) were the others honoured.

Curiously, while Tilottama, Divya and Srijay received cash prizes of ₹80,000, ₹20,000 and ₹75,000 respectively, Meghana was ignored. A KSRA official explained that cash prizes were reserved for medal winners in individual events only.

On the same stage, Karnataka Olympic Association (KOA) President K. Govindraj announced an award of ₹25,000 each for the two world shooting championship medallists, Tilottama and Meghana. The KSRA is affiliated to the KOA.

Tilottama stated that winning a silver at the National Games boosted her confidence ahead of the World Championship. It has been a rapid ascent for Tilottama, who took up the sport only two years ago.

"My father suggested that I take up the sport as I wanted to stay occupied during the COVID-19 lockdown," Tilottama, a student of Bluebell Public School, said on Monday.

Meghana stated that she is focusing on keeping her mind free of clutter when on the shooting range. "Shooting is a mental sport, where a lot of thoughts can run through your mind. I'm working on staying focussed on the process," Meghana said.

Tilottama and Meghana will compete in the Asian Airgun Championship, which commences at Daegu (South Korea) on November 9.

PRIVACY BREACH

## Kohli sees red after his belongings are filmed inside hotel room

Virat Kohli said he was "paranoid about his privacy" after a stranger appeared to have filmed inside his hotel room in Perth. "I understand that fans get very happy seeing their favourite players and get excited to meet them," Kohli wrote on his Instagram handle. "But this video is appalling and it's made me feel very paranoid about my privacy."

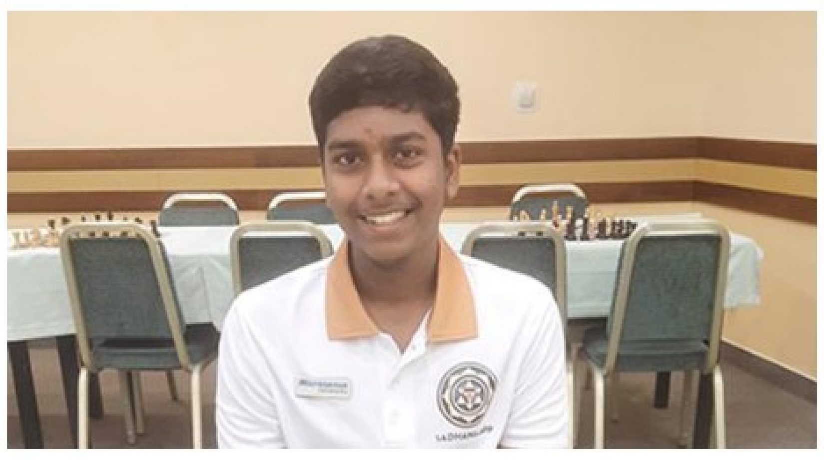
MAJOR BLOW

## Muzychuk outlasts Humpy in tie-breaker, enters semifinal

Koneru Humpy erred fatally from an equal position in the fourth game of the tie-breaker and lost to Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine in the FIDE Women's Candidates chess tournament at Monte Carlo on Sunday. The tie-breakers had to be employed as the scores were level 2-2 at the end of four classical games.

CHESS

## Pranav shocks Sadhwani, earns meeting with Praggnanandhaa



India's 75th Grandmaster V. Pranav knocked out fancied Raunak Sadhwani 3-0 to win the 2022 Challengers Chess Tour online title late on Sunday. The triumph earned Pranav the right to challenge R. Praggnanandhaa in the $10,000 prize-fund clash in Tel Aviv, Israel, in December.

KABADDI

## Sachin powers Pirates past Giants; Surender delivers for Yoddhas

Patna Pirates put up a clinical performance to defeat Gujarat Giants 34-28 in a Pro Kabaddi League Season 9 match in Pune on Monday. Sachin, with 13 points, emerged the best player for Pirates. Surender Gill (13 points) and Pardeep Narwal (9) powered UP Yoddhas to a 43-24 victory over Telugu Titans in the second match.

# Sunday's defeat exposes chinks in India's armour

The odd loss in a campaign is par for the course and Rohit's men should put it behind them

**Up and down:** Though the bowlers gave India an outside chance, the fielders floundered and let South Africa off the hook. GETTY IMAGES

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
PERTH

It was a Sunday that offered a reality check for the Indian team but that's no reason to raise the fire alarm. The contest against South Africa was bound to be tough especially on the Perth surface, a traditional day when speedsters be it at the old WACA or the current Optus Stadium.

Having won the first two fixtures in the current ICC Twenty20 World Cup, India was the form-team but some old chinks bubbled over during a cold night in which South Africa prevailed by five wickets.

India's top-order hasn't fired in unison for a while. Virat Kohli may have regained his form but it has coincided with the lack of runs from K.L. Rahul while skipper Rohit Sharma hasn't batted with his usual zest even if the odd fifty is struck.

With Lungi Ngidi hitting the straps and garnering bounce and the other pacers rallying around him, the Men in Blue had a task on hand. Rahul was tentative even if a six was hoisted while Rohit and Kohli played their horizontal shots and skied catches.

Suryakumar Yadav shored up the middle-order with his salvage-run-plunder routine. Easy for him but not for the others. Deepak Hooda failed, Hardik Pandya, who batted well against Pakistan, succumbed here and with a watchful Dinesh Karthik doing the hard yards and then frittering it away, a heavy burden was placed on Suryakumar.

India's 133 for nine wasn't going to exert score-board-pressure until the bowlers and fielders were at the top of their game. Arshdeep Singh's twin-strikes offered hope but it was all about one good partnership whittling down the runs.

And it happened with Aiden Markram and David Miller prospering together. But what perhaps undid India were those little moments when frozen hands failed to either hold on or release the white ball on time. Kohli dropping a catch is a rare spectacle but he did and Rohit, never athletic, fluffed a run-out.

In a contest defined by tiny margins, all these hurt India.

India has always been a side hovering between the safe and efficient modes of fielding while electric reflexes remained the preserve of Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja. The latter was missed on the turf on Sunday while errors in the outfield and the inner-circle meant South Africa could breathe easy.

Still some credit is due to the Indian unit, the match was taken into the last over and spare a thought for the excellence of Mohammed Shami. His combined spell of 4-0-13-1 again reiterated his value to the squad.

In the 2011 50-over World Cup, India lost to South Africa but still managed to last the distance. It remains to be seen if a similar second-wind can be gleaned from a reluctant Karthik and the momentum with its nippy air.

India will take on Bangladesh at Adelaide on Wednesday but before that plans have to be reworked and the question over Karthik's fitness addressed. The odd loss in a campaign is par for the course and Rohit's men should put this defeat behind them.

# Finch gets Australia back on track

**Answering critics:** Finch made a timely return to form, leading from the front against Ireland. AFP

Shayan Acharya
BRISBANE

Australia rode on captain Aaron Finch's 63 (44b, 5x4, 3x6) to beat Ireland by 42 runs here on Monday and boost its hopes of reaching the World Cup semifinals. Australia made 179 for five and restricted Ireland to 137 in 18.1 overs.

Ireland began well, sending back David Warner in the third over. However, Finch set the tone after a cautious start, his first boundary coming off the fifth ball of the fourth over.

With Australia having just 38 in the PowerPlay, Mitchell Marsh accelerated with two sixes in the seventh over. He added 52 for the second wicket with his skipper. Though Marsh was out with the score on 60 and Glenn Maxwell perished on 13 with the total on 84 in the 11th over, Marcus Stoinis' aggressive knock (35, 25b, 3x4, 1x6) swung the momentum the hosts' way.

Finch reached his 50 with a six in an eventful over from Mark Adair – five wides, two fours and a six.

Pat Cummins and Maxwell made early inroads for Australia, dismissing Andrew Balbirnie, Paul Stirling and Harry Tector. When Mitchell Starc removed Curtis Campher and George Dockrell, Ireland was reeling at 25 for five. Lorcan Tucker (71 n.o, 48b, 9x4, 1x6) took the fight to the Aussies even as wickets tumbled at the other end.

**The scores:** Australia 179/5 in 20 overs (Aaron Finch 63, Mitchell Marsh 28, Marcus Stoinis 35; Josh Little 2/21, Barry McCarthy 3/29) bt Ireland 137 in 18.1 overs (Lorcan Tucker 71 n.o.; Pat Cummins 2/28, Glenn Maxwell 2/14, Mitchell Starc 2/43, Adam Zampa 2/19). **MoM:** Finch.

## Today's matches

Afghanistan vs. Sri Lanka
Brisbane, 9.30 a.m. IST
**H2H in T20Is**
Played **3**
Afghanistan **1** | Sri Lanka **2**

England vs. New Zealand
Brisbane, 1.30 p.m. IST
**H2H in T20Is**
Played **22**
England **13** | New Zealand **8**
NR **1**

# England backs Stokes to come good

Shayan Acharya
BRISBANE

Stokes. GETTY IMAGES

As questions linger over Ben Stokes' position in the England team, the management has backed the senior cricketer ahead of the must-win fixture against New Zealand on Tuesday.

The Test captain has reached double digits only once in his last five T20I innings and averages 18.57 in his last 33 T20 innings, but assistant coach Paul Collingwood said: "We all know what he's capable of, and not just match-winning innings, but match-winning innings under serious amounts of pressure. I know well that if it comes down to the crunch, you want a man like Ben Stokes walking out."

Last week, things went awry for England – a shock defeat to Ireland, followed by a washout against Australia. England enjoys a better Net Run Rate than Australia, but needs to win its last two group games to advance.

England's pacers let the team down in the first 11 overs against Ireland. Against New Zealand's batting depth, England bowlers must ensure an economical PowerPlay.

New Zealand is better placed in the points table after convincing victories over Australia and Sri Lanka. The batting department looks settled with Devon Conway and Glenn Phillips leading the charge.

The bowling department is spearheaded by Trent Boult and Tim Southee. Boult has taken six wickets so far, including a career-best four for 13 against Sri Lanka. Southee claimed three for six in the win over Australia.

## How they stand

| GROUP 1 | M | W | L | NR | PTS | NRR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Zealand | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3.850 |
| Australia | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | -0.304 |
| England | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0.239 |
| Ireland | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | -1.544 |
| Sri Lanka | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | -0.890 |
| Afghanistan | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | -0.620 |

| GROUP 2 | M | W | L | NR | PTS | NRR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Africa | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2.772 |
| India | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0.844 |
| Bangladesh | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | -1.533 |
| Zimbabwe | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | -0.050 |
| Pakistan | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.765 |
| Netherlands | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | -1.948 |

# Hardik, Dhawan to lead India in New Zealand; Vihari dropped for Tests against Bangladesh

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Hardik Pandya will lead India's T20I squad in the series in New Zealand next month while Ravindra Jadeja will return for the tour of Bangladesh in December if he clears the fitness test.

While the selectors have rested all the seniors for the limited-overs tour of New Zealand, set to begin less than a week after the ongoing T20 World Cup, Shikhar Dhawan will lead the ODI side in New Zealand.

Hanuma Vihari has been dropped from the Test squad while Cheteshwar Pujara, Shreyas Iyer and Shubman Gill are all set to join Virat Kohli in the middle-order. Ravi Bishnoi has been omitted from the white-ball teams.

**Bolt from the blue:** Vihari's exclusion has become the talking point. FILE PHOTO

Fast bowler Kuldeep Sen has earned a maiden call-up for the ODI series in Bangladesh. Umran Malik, too, features in the T20I and ODI squads.

Chief selector Chetan Sharma, after what is likely to be the last meeting of the current selection committee, announced the squads for the tours of New Zealand and Bangladesh. Chetan stressed that none of the seniors asked to be rested for the New Zealand tour. "No one asked for rest. The selection committee, based on discussions with the team management and medical team, decides how to manage the workload of every player," said Chetan from Adelaide at a virtual interaction.

**The squads:**

**For T20Is in New Zealand:** Hardik Pandya (Capt.), Rishabh Pant (Vice-capt. & wk), Shubman Gill, Ishan Kishan, Deepak Hooda, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Sanju Samson (wk), Washington Sundar, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Harshal Patel, Mohammed Siraj, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Umran Malik.

**For ODIs in New Zealand:** Shikhar Dhawan (Capt.), Pant (Vice-capt. & wk), Gill, Hooda, Suryakumar, Shreyas, Samson (wk), Washington, Shardul Thakur, Shahbaz Ahmed, Chahal, Kuldeep, Arshdeep, Deepak Chahar, Kuldeep Sen and Umran.

**The schedule:**

**T20Is:** Nov. 18 (Wellington), Nov. 20 (Mount Maunganui) and Nov. 22 (Napier).

**ODIs:** Nov. 25 (Auckland), Nov. 27 (Hamilton) and Nov. 30 (Christchurch).

**For ODIs in Bangladesh:** Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-capt.), Dhawan, Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar, Shreyas, Rahul Tripathi, Pant (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Ravindra Jadeja*, Axar Patel, Washington, Shardul, Mohammad Shami, Siraj, Chahar and Yash Dayal.

**For Tests in Bangladesh:** Rohit (Capt.), Rahul (Vice-capt.), Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Kohli, Shreyas, Pant (wk), K.S. Bharat (wk), R. Ashwin, Jadeja*, Axar, Kuldeep, Shardul, Shami, Siraj and Umesh Yadav (*subject to fitness).

**The match dates:**

**ODIs:** Dec. 4, 7 and 10 (Mirpur).

**Tests:** Dec. 14-18 (Chattogram) and Dec. 22-26 (Mirpur).

# Cash rewards for Sankar and Satwik-Chirag

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

**Pat and purse:** The Badminton Association of India announced ₹5 lakh for Satwik and Chirag. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Badminton Association of India on Monday announced a cash reward of ₹5 lakh each for Sankar Muthusamy and the men's doubles pair of Satwik Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty for their commendable performances at the World Junior Championships and French Open respectively.

Former junior World No. 1 Sankar on Sunday became only the second Indian male shuttler to claim a silver medal at the World Junior Championships after going down in the summit clash against Chinese Taipei's Kuo kuan Lin in Spain.

Satwik and Chirag, on the other hand, claimed the French Open Super 750 crown with a straight game win over Chinese Taipei's Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han in the finals at Paris.

"This is a great moment of pride for all of us to see both our junior as well as senior shuttlers ensuring podium finishes defeating top class players and becoming the flag bearers of pride and glory," said BAI president Himanta Biswa Sarma in a release.

## INBRIEF

### Himalayan Rally flagged off with great fanfare

The Himalayan Drive 2022 organised by Team Firefox was flagged off on Monday from Greater Noida. The event is a non-competitive event run as a tribute to Jayant Shah, a four-time winner of the Himalayan rally. The first car flagged off was driven by the family of Jayant Shah.

### LIVE TELECAST

**Men's T20 World Cup:** Super-12: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m. & 1.30 p.m.

**Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20:** Quarterfinals: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 11 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.

**ATP:** Paris Masters, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3.30 p.m.

**Pro Kabaddi League:** Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

**Champions League:** Sony Sports 1, 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 a.m. (Wednesday).

# Karnataka has its task cut out against Punjab

Mayank and Pandey lead former's batting while the latter relies on Abhishek and Prabhsimran

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

**Y.B. Sarangi**
KOLKATA

The Mayank Agarwal-led Karnataka will take on a strong Punjab in the quarterfinals of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy at the Eden Gardens on Tuesday.

In the absence of one of its top run-getters, Devdutt Padikkal, direct qualifier Karnataka's batting will revolve around Mayank and Manish Pandey. The bowling will rest on pacers V. Vyshak and V. Kaverappa apart from K. Gowtham and V. Koushik.

The Mandeep Singh-captained Punjab, which beat Haryana in the pre-quarterfinals, will rely on talented opener and left-arm spinner Abhishek Sharma and dashing wicketkeeper-batter Prabhsimran Singh, the second-highest run-scorer, to get the runs. The Punjab trio of leading wicket-taker Siddharth Kaul (18 wickets), Baltej Singh (12) and spinner Mayank Markande (12) will continue to mount pressure.

**Quarterfinal fixtures:** Karnataka vs Punjab (Eden Gardens, 11 a.m.), Delhi vs Vidarbha (Jadavpur University ground, 11 a.m.), Himachal Pradesh vs Bengal (22 Yards ground, 11 a.m.), Mumbai vs Saurashtra (Eden Gardens, 4.30 p.m.).

**Time to step up:** Mayank will look to lead from the front for Karnataka. FILE PHOTO

# Lalchhanhimi lifts 198kg for gold in 71kg class

WEIGHTLIFTING

**Sports Bureau**

Mizoram's Lalchhanhimi won the 71kg crown in the Khelo India National Ranking women's weightlifting tournament at Modinagar, Uttar Pradesh, on Monday.

Lalchhanhimi lifted 85kg in snatch and 113kg in clean and jerk to claim the top honours with an aggregate of 198kg.

Amandeep Kaur (80kg, 100kg, 180kg) was the junior champion, while Harini (70kg, 90kg, 160kg) was the youth champion. Arockiya Alish (86kg, 112kg, 198kg) secured the 76kg title in the senior section.

Dhathri Palati (80kg, 105kg, 185kg), who took second place in the senior section, became the junior champion. Jyothi Yadav (68kg, 82kg, 150kg) took the youth gold medal.

Kalpana Yadav (90kg, 111kg, 201kg) broke the snatch and total records on her way to become the junior gold medallist, while Amritha Suni (77kg, 92kg, 169kg) secured the youth gold.

**The results (seniors only):**
**71kg:** 1. Lalchhanhimi snatch 85kg, clean and jerk 113kg, total 198kg; 2. Renu 78kg, 112kg, 190kg; 3. Trupti Mane 83kg, 106kg, 189kg.
**76kg:** 1. Arockiya Alish 86kg, 112kg, 198kg; 2. Dhathri Palati 80kg, 105kg, 185kg; 3. M. Keerthi 79kg, 95kg, 174kg.
**81kg:** 1. Punam Yadav 92kg, 115kg, 207kg; 2. Vanshita Verma 87kg, 114kg, 201kg; 3. Rakhi 86kg, 110kg, 196kg.

## BENGALURU ROUND-UP

### Varshaa wins title

Varshaa Sanjeev defeated P. Keerthana 3-1 (72-31, 41-64, 76-30, 71-35) in the final to clinch the State-ranking women's snooker title. Earlier in the competition, Varshaa had secured the ladies' billiards trophy as well.

**Other results: Women's snooker (third-place match):** Vidya Pillai bt R. Umadevi 2-1 (48-61, 75 (60)-07, 50-30).

**Men's billiards (semifinals):** B. Bhaskar bt I.H. Manudev 4-3 (98-152, 92-150, 150-25, 150-87, 20-150, 154 (154)-07, 151-122); M.L. Lakshman bt D. Rajkumar 4-3 (150-98, 38-150, 150-82, 118-150, 68-150, 150-84, 150-81).

**The top two:** Varshaa and Keerthana, winner and runner-up in the women's snooker. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

### Shaik scores a hat-trick

Shaik Muzeeb scored a hat-trick as MEG & Center FC defeated BUFC 4-2 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Monday.

**The results:** BFC 2 (Monirul Molla 14, 34) bt Bangalore Independents FC 0; Kodagu FC 2 (Sanjay Rai 39, 74) drew with Friends United FC 2 (Magesh Selva 60, Pradison Mariyadasan 90+3); MEG & Center FC 4 (Shaik Muzeeb 2, 20, 59, Thongam Rajen Singh 89) bt BUFC 2 (V. Lal Biak Famkima 12, Guy Herman Belek 68).

### Abhishek on song

Abhishek Gowda top-scored with 43 points as S Blues edged Bharath Sports Union 84-80 in a men's match of the State Association Cup basketball tournament here on Monday.

**The results:**
**Men:** Bank of Baroda 66 (Mufeez 24, Sukesh 10) bt Durgans BC Chitradurga 27 (Harish 10); S Blues 84 (Abhishek Gowda 43, Gautham 14) bt Bharath Sports Union 80 (Nakul 30, Akshay 23); VBC Mandya 66 (Shashank Gowda 21, Shashank Raj 19) bt Pattabhiram Nagar BC 42 (Ananth 12, Dhruv 12); CMP 108 (Alvin Cyril 24, Sunil 12) bt YFBC Kolar 41 (Bharath 18); Mangalore BC 85 (Ashwin 24) bt Hoysala BC Hassan 46 (Prabhu Raj 11, Vineeth 10).

Davans BC Davangere 43 (Ajay 11) bt Mystic BC Dharwad 40 (Akash 18); MNK Rao Park BC 102 (Darshan 21, Ajin 13) bt Vijayanagar BC Mysore 58 (Akshay 14, Bawar 10); Young Orions SC 84 (Sumanth 19, Pratham 18) bt Merchants SC Davangere 53 (Vishnu 29); Mounts Club 68 (Joel 13, Balaji 10) bt Nationals BC Mysore 19 (Sharath 6).

**Women:** SW Railway 63 (Surya 24) bt HBR BC 21 (Sunaina 16); KS Hegde 43 (Sandhya 11) bt S Blues 24 (Nidhi 12).

# Soloist claims the Kuntala Water Falls Cup

HYDERABAD: Trainer R.H. Sequeira's ward Soloist, ridden by Abhay Singh, won the Kuntala Water Falls Cup, the main event of the concluding day's races held here on Monday (Oct. 31).

The winner is owned by M/s. Gurpal Singh, N.P. Sharma & Alluri Ajay Kumar.

Trainer K. Satheesh stole the limelight by saddling three winners of the day.

**LEADING OWNER:** M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust rep. by Mr. A.C. Muthiah with the leading stakesmoney of ₹58,31,300.

**LEADING TRAINER:** R.H. Sequeira with 24 winners.

**LEADING JOCKEY:** Akshay Kumar with 34 winners.

**LEADING APPRENTICE JOCKEY:** R.S. Jodha with 9 winners.

**CHAMPION HORSE (TIED):** Salento and Theon with 12 points each.

**HORSE OF THE SEASON:** Black Onyx for winning four races in a row out of five starts.

**1. FAIR COURT PLATE** (DIV. II) (1,200m) Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **MR. PERFECT** (Mukesh Kumar) 1, My Master (Gaurav Singh) 2, Exclusive Luck (Md. Ismail) 3 and Chica Bonita (G. Naresh) 4. 2, Shd and 1/2. 1m 14. 80s. ₹39 (w), 13, 15 and 31 (p). SHP: 41, THP: 57, SHW: 18 and 17, FP: 148, Q: 62, Tanala: 670. Favourite: Honourable Lady.

Owner: Mr. Mukesh Pitti. Trainer: P.S. Jubbal.

**2. KINNERASANI CUP** (DIV. II) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **DOE A DEER** (B.R. Kumar) 1, Classy Dame (R.S. Jodha) 2, Silk (Koushik) 3 and Life Is Good (Md. Ismail) 4. Nk, 3 and 3-1/4. 1m 13. 12s. ₹16 (w), 11, 19 and 21 (p). SHP: 46, THP: 64, SHW: 14 and 28, FP: 58, Q: 42, Tanala: 533. Favourite: Doe A Deer.

Owner: Mr. Syed Mohiuddin Mufeed. Trainer: M.F. Ali Khan.

**3. MOSSY BEAR PLATE** (1,600m), rated upto 25 (Cat. III): **SWEET WHISPER** (R.S. Jodha) 1, My Way Or Highway (Mohit Singh) 2, Silver Lining (Rafique Sk.) 3 and Silk Route (Mukesh Kumar) 4. 4, 3/4 and 3-3/4. 1m 42. 38s. ₹29 (w), 10, 14 and 27 (p). SHP: 45, THP: 57, SHW: 12 and 19, FP: 172, Q: 116, Tanala: 1,323. Favourite: Ella Eldingar.

Owner: Mr. A.C. Muthiah. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

**4. FAIR COURT PLATE** (DIV. I) (1,200m) Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **STAR MEDAL** (Kuldeep Singh) 1, Precious Gift (Santosh Raj) 2, N R I Fantasy (G. Naresh) 3 and Picture Me (Aneel) 4. 2-1/2, 3 and 3/4. 1m 13. 49s. ₹98 (w), 19, 14 and 16 (p). SHP: 51, THP: 42, SHW: 40 and 29, FP: 664, Q: 238, Tanala: 2,129. Favourite: Wind Sprite.

Owners: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust rep. by Mr. A.C. Muthiah. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

**5. KINNERASANI CUP** (DIV. I) (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **HASHTAG** (Mukesh Kumar) 1, Shazam (D.S. Deora) 2, Power Ranger (Gaurav Singh) 3 and Sorry Darling (Rafique SK.) 4. Hd, Hd and 2. 1m 13. 99s. ₹114 (w), 19, 10 and 48 (p). SHP: 35, THP: 86, SHW: 32 and 15, FP: 319, Q: 64, Tanala: 1,487. Favourite: Shazam.

Owner: Mr. Chitturi Krishna Kannaiah. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

**6. VIKARABAD PLATE** (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **AKIDO** (Gaurav Singh) 1, Campania (Afroz Khan) 2, City Of Blessing (Antony Raj) 3 and Four One Four (Santosh Raj) 4. Shd, 1 and Nk. 1m 26. 59s. ₹30 (w), 13, 25 and 18 (p). SHP: 81, THP: 68, SHW: 16 and 37, FP: 209, Q: 117, Tanala: 902. Favourite: Akido.

Owner: Mr. A.C. Muthiah. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

**7. KUNTALA WATER FALLS CUP** (1,400m), rated 60 to 85: **SOLOIST** (Abhay Singh) 1, Watch My Stride (Akshay Kumar) 2, N R I Sport (G. Naresh) 3 and Red Snaper (Kuldeep Singh) 4. 2-1/2, 3/4 and 1-1/4. 1m 26. 03s. ₹37 (w), 14, 13 and 25 (p). SHP: 44, THP: 87, SHW: 22 and 11, FP: 123, Q: 57, Tanala: 1,004. Favourite: Watch My Stride.

Owners: M/s. Gurpal Singh, N.P. Sharma & Alluri Ajay Kumar. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

**8. SURYAPET PLATE** (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **MORIOR INVICTUS** (Kiran Naidu) 1, Hoping Cloud (Mohit Singh) 2, Archangels (G. Naresh) 3 and Blazing Jupiter (Kuldeep Singh) 4. 1-1/4, Nk and Nk. 1m 27. 90s. ₹35 (w), 14, 16 and 59 (p). SHP: 44, THP: 170, SHW: 20 and 28 (p). FP: 109, Q: 52, Tanala: 3,157. Favourite: Hoping Cloud.

Owners: M/s. Premanand Sughandi & Md. Sultan. Trainer: M.F. Ali Khan.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹51,386 (13 tkts.), 30%: 6,362 (45 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: (i) 7,055 (6 tkts.), (ii) 5,798 (24 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 240 (173 tkts.), (ii) 2,348 (12 tkts.), (iii) 450 (252 tkts.).

# Sahithi wins blitz event in Budapest

CHESS

**Sports Bureau**

WIM M. Sahithi Varshini won the Reti-Farkas Csaladi Boraszati Blitzverseny blitz chess championship in Budapest with seven points from nine rounds, according to her father-cum-coach Lokeshwara Rao.

Sahithi, outwitted three GMs – Aveskulov Valeriy and Neverov Valeriy of Ukraine and Czebe Attila of Hungary.

The 15-year-old has added 58 points to her blitz rating.

# Nandhidhaa, Harsha stay ahead

**Rakesh Rao**
NEW DELHI

P.V. Nandhidhaa completed the domination of fellow overnight leader N. Priyanka in 61 moves and opened a one-point lead at 5.5 points in the women's section after six rounds of the Asian chess championship here on Monday.

In the Open section, Harsha Bharathakoti (5 points) retained his half-point lead after holding top seed R. Praggnanandhaa.

**Leading results (sixth-round):**
**Open:** Harsha Bharathakoti (5) drew with R. Praggnanandhaa (4.5); Leon Mendonca (4.5) drew with S.P. Sethuraman (4.5); M. Karthikeyan (4.5) drew with B. Adhiban (4.5); Shamsiddin Vokhidov (Uzb, 4.5) drew with Maksat Atabayev (Tkm, 4); Sandipan Chanda (3.5) lost to S.L. Narayanan (4.5); Ayush Sharma (3.5) lost to Aravindh Chithambaram (4.5); V. Pranav (4) drew with Aditya Mittal (4); Koustav Chatterjee (4.5) bt Viani Antonio Dcunha (3.5).

**Women:** N. Priyanka (4.5) lost to P. V. Nandhidhaa (5.5); Padmini Rout (4.5) bt Nilufar Yakubbaeva (4); Divya Deshmukh (4) drew with Soumya Swaminathan (4); Vo Thi Kim Phong (Vie, 4) drew with Mary Ann Gomes (4); Saina Salonika (3.5) drew with Tania Sachdev (3.5); Amina Kairbekova (Kaz, 3.5) drew with Srishti Pandey (3.5); Rakshitta Ravi (4) bt V. Varshini (3); Kiran Manisha Mohanty (3.5) drew with Nomin-Erdene Davaademberel (Mgl, 3.5).

# All to play for in Group D

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

**Associated Press**
LONDON

The Champions League has reached the final round of group-stage matches. In Group D just two points separates top-place Tottenham and Marseille at the bottom.

Those two teams face each other in France on Tuesday.

**Tuesday's fixtures:** Porto vs Atletico, Liverpool vs Club Brugge (11.15 p.m.); Bayern vs Inter, Liverpool vs Napoli, Marseille vs Tottenham, Rangers vs Ajax, Viktoria Plzen vs Barcelona, Sporting vs Eintracht Frankfurt (1.30 a.m., Wednesday).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UR- Unreserved, OBC-Other Backward Classes, SC- Schedule Caste, ST-Schedule Tribe, EWS- Economically Weaker Section N- New Vacancy, B- Backlog Vacancy
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